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FITZGERALD FLAYS THE EX-PRESIDENT

Declares Roosevelt Responsible For Bad Example of Subordinates.

MANN DENOUNCES AUDITOR

States That Congress is Being Criticised Without Just Cause—Enlivened Session of Congress Yesterday—Features in House.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Denunciation of officials of the executive departments of the government who critsicsed Congress without just cause, in a speech by Representative Mann, of Illinois and another speech of similar tenor by Congressman Fitzgerald of New York, in which he said a "certain distinguished official" was responsible therefor because of the bad example he had set for his subordinates, enlivened an otherwise dull session of the House today. It was understood generally that Mr. Fitzgerald had former President Roosevelt in mind.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill was again considered and although the reading of the measure, paragraph by paragraph, was concluded, it was not put upon its passage and will again occupy the attention of the body Monday.

Some saving was effected here and there by reducing appropriations for increases of salaries for district officers or by eliminating altogether paragraphs making provision for the creation of new offices.

Representative Macon, of Arkansas, again assummed the role of "watch dog" of the treasury and made points of order against several sections of the bill and not wholly without success.

Rather unexpectedly the House agreed to insert in the bill an amendment appropriating $17,000 for playgrounds for children of the district. It was a gift with a string to it, however, for the provision was added that the entire sum should come out of the revenues of the District. On all other items in the bill the government bears half the expense.

Near the close of the day, Representative Mann made an attack upon Mr. Tweedale, auditor of the District, for criticising Congress in public speeches. He said that if that official had made the statements attributed to him he ought to be discharged, and added the officials of the executive departments were much too free with their abuse of the legislative body. Mr. Fitzgerald congratulated Mr. Mann on his stand and intimated that ex-President Roosevelt by his high handed way of doing and his free way of saying things had, during his occupancy of the White House, encouraged criticism of members of Congress by those under him.

The House adjourned at 3:53 P. M. until Monday. The Senate was not in session today.

GOOD HOLIDAY TRADE.

Compares Favorably With Preceding Years—Bradstreet's Report.

New York, Dec. 17.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say in part: Retail and holiday trade has been helped by seasonable weather and the approach of Christmas and makes good comparisons with preceding years, a few markets, in fact, reporting a record turn over for the season.

Best reports come from the North and West, but Southern trade also shows expansion, though this class of buying is not yet at its fullest.

Jobbing trade reports are cheerful with special stress laid upon the volume of re-assorting demand to fill broken stocks. Wholesale trade and demand from manufacturers tend to quiet as the stock taking period approaches, but order books for future delivery are well filled. In many lines of raw materials there is a tendency to quiet down or to postpone buying till after the new Year. Industrial operations are still very active on old orders. Wool buying is still quite active and cotton manufacturers have raised prices of many lines of goods to a par with 15 cent cotton.

The Northwestern switchmen's strike still interrupts trade in section affected.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending with December 16th were 273 against 259 last week, 311 in the same week of 1908.

NOT PORTSMOUTH BANK.

Should Have Been Traders and Truckers Bank of Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 17.—Attention of the Associated Press has been drawn to the fact that upon two occasions recently its dispatches have referred to the Traders & Truckers' Bank, which failed some time ago, and to its president, Terry B. Gordon, indicted on charges arising out of the bank failure, as having been "of Portsmouth, Va." The dispatches should have read "of Norfolk, Va.," not Portsmouth.

Announcement was made yesterday of the election of Midshipman Henry S. McK. Clay, of Pennsylvania, as captain of the navy football team for 1910.

INTERESTS ARE CONFLICTION

Rival Efforts to Build Railway Into Elizabethtown Meeting With Opposition—"Outside" Influences at Work.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Elizabethtown, N. C., Dec. 17.—While the people of Elizabethtown do not care to turn a cold shoulder to any enterprise, they look with decided disfavor upon Mr. Geo. B. McLeod's proposition to build a railroad from Lumberton to Elizabethtown via Dublin. This is regarded nothing more than a scheme to defeat the election that is called to be held in Hollow, Bethel and Elizabethtown townships on Jan. 11th to determine the question of issuing bonds to aid in the construction of a railroad from St. Paul's to Elizabethtown. It is believed that the Seaboard Air Line is behind this scheme; in fact Mr. McLeod, while in conversation with certain citizens here recently, practically admitted as much, stating that he himself carried the news of this election to headquarters, and that the Seaboard then agreed to lease him some railroad iron. Mr. McLeod owns considerable timber in Bethel township and he proposes to come out on the L. T. Cottingham tram road from Bellamy with this borrowed iron, and run into Bethel township just far enough to defeat the election if possible. The work that will be commenced from Dublin leading towards Elizabethtown and Lumberton at the same time, by that said engineering corps, will undoubtedly be the work of defeating the coming election.

The people here have begged and prayed with the Seaboard for time out of mind to run even a spur track in here from Clarkton, and at one time voted $25,000 on Elizabethtown township to aid in this work. But they were getting the business anyway and of course, refused to do anything. Aside from this fact a road from St. Paul's to this place would pass through more than twice as much of Bladen as would a road from Lumberton. We haven't got anything against the enterprising city of Lumberton, but we don't like the way this thing smells. Once in a while a citizen from Bethel will drop in and tell you that Mr. McLeod says that he is going to build a railroad from Lumberton to Elizabethtown, cross the Cape Fear river and join the old Yadkin & Valley. But as a matter of fact, Mr. McLeod hasn't even got a charter, nor right to cross a man's land unless the land owner consents, and the very first time a man steps up and tells him to keep off his land, he will be done for.

We have it on good authority that the business men of Lumberton do not look upon the project with favor, they see through the whole thing, and know that it will never amount to more than a tramroad, if that. Besides that a great many of them know our condition and want to see us have a good substantial railroad.

The people in this section have been cut off from the world for a long time, living practically in servitude in the big moneyed interest elsewhere and it is strange indeed how many outsiders grow jealous of our interests when we contemplate a step that would put us in line with the most progressive part of North Carolina. There are men in our midst right now poisoning the minds of the people against the coming election, men who do not belong here, and whose presence can be accounted for only in the conclusion that they are hired agents of certain "outsiders" who want to see the election defeated. "May the Good Lord Deliver Us."

W. E. HALL.

COAST LINE BONDS SOARING.

Caused by Increase in Louisville & Nashville Dividend.

New York, Dec. 17.—Attention was attracted in the stock market today to a jump of 10 points in Atlantic Coast Line collateral bonds secured by Louisville & Nashville stock.

The rise carried the bonds to 101 1-4 compared with sales of 91 1-4 yesterday. The increase in Louisville & Nashville dividend was given to account for the demand for the bonds. They are redeemable at 105 and there was a suggestion raised that it was proposed to redeem them in order to release the Louisville & Nashville stock for possible other disposition.

Bankers usually acting for the companies denied any knowledge of such a plan. The bonds fell back five points from their highest, but continued in very large demand.

VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON.

Report Made by Secretary Hester—4,757,809 Bales This Week.

New Orleans, Dec. 17.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton today shows the total visible to be 4,757,809 against 4,708,579 last week and 5,024,396 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,776,809 against 3,797,579 last week and 4,244,396 last year, and of all other kinds including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 981,000, against 911,000 last week and 780,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 2,580,000, against 2,589,000 last year; in Egypt 230,000 against 261,000 last year; in India 417,000 against 211,000 last year, and in the United States 1,531,000 against 1,963,000 last year.

$2.50, $5.00, $10.00 Gold Coins.

The People's Savings Bank has on hand a large supply of Gold Coins, which they will be glad to furnish to their friends for Christmas presents.

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OCEY'S MOTHER THE SPOKESWOMAN

Says Bathtub Victim Came to Death by Her Own Hands

SHE BLAMES MILLIONAIRES

Declares a Conspiracy to Get Her Property—"Suicidal Mania" Will be Plea of Defense—New Features to the Case.

New York, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Caroline W. Martin raised her heavy veil today and suddenly became spokeswoman in the tombs for the three silent sisters, who must explain to the courts of New Jersey the death of Ocey Snead. Mrs. Martin, who is the victim's mother, has proved far more communicative than either Virginia Wardlaw, the aunt at East Orange or Mrs. Mary Snead, another aunt, both of whom, like their sister, are charged with the murder.

"I am here," volunteered Mrs. Martin today, "as the result of a conspiracy on the part of millionaires who want what little property I have left. Every newspaper in New York is subsidized by these millionaires who are persecuting me. I and my sisters have lived out of the way of the world and things we say are easily twisted. The shock and injustice of my arrest have enfeebled a very old woman. If that is what my enemies want they need go no further.

"My daughter Ocey came to her death by her own hands. I did not see her do it. I did not know that it was done until Virginia was arrested, but I was not surprised."

The "Suicidal mania" of Ocey Snead is apparently the defense relied upon by the three sisters of the Wardlaw family arrested in connection with her mysterious death.

Mrs. Martin, who was arrested and yesterday held to extradition to New Jersey, insists that the suicide notes found in her hotel room were all written by Ocey Snead while she was grieving over the disappearance of Fletcher Snead, her husband, and that she had to be constantly watched to prevent her taking her own life. The thought of suicide became a mania with the girl, her mother asserts.

The comment that daily developing facts throw new light on the bathtub mystery without illuminating it, seems to hold good in connection with Mrs. Martin's assertion that Virginia Wardlaw, aunt of the victim and the first person apprehended in the case, knew that her niece intended self destruction and lingered in the lower part of the East Orange house where the tragedy occurred, fearing a gruesome discovery when she went upstairs.

In direct contradiction of Mrs. Martin's description of her daughter Ocey as a pining, despondent girl, lapsing helplessly into a fatal melancholia, Mrs. Clarence Burns, a well known New York club woman and charity worker, said today:

"I knew Ocey Snead a year ago as a young woman working for her living. I was greatly impressed by her beauty and her magnificent head of fair hair. She did not seem to be despondent and spoke quite cheerfully of the future."

Franklin Fort, Jr., counsel for Virginia Wardlaw, said tonight that he has advised New York counsel for Mrs. Mary Snead and Mrs. Martin in order to fight extradition.

"I am confident," he explained, "that my clients will be quickly set free after they have been taken to New Jersey. To oppose extradition would mean only longer confinement for them."

Fletcher Snead's Praise.

St. Catherines, Ont., Dec. 17. "I really know very little of my wife's death," re-affirmed Fletcher Snead today, at the hotel where, since last April, he has been working as assistant chef under the name of John Lucas.

"In justice to Miss Wardlaw, however," he continued, "I would say that she is one of the finest women who ever lived; in fact, they were three of the finest women one could know."

Snead declared he knew nothing of any insurance of his deceased wife and persisted in his refusal to state why he had left her.

"I know but little of the circumstances and shall make no further statements," he concluded.

Snead is preparing to fight extradition if an effort is made to take him back to the United States.

GINNERS' COTTON REPORT.

National Association Puts It at 9,429,000 Bales to Dec. 13th.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 17.—The report of the National Ginners' Association issued today showed that 9,429,000 bales of cotton had been ginned to December 13th, 1909.

The report by States follows: Alabama, 994,000; Arkansas, 652,000; Florida, 58,000; Georgia, 1,778,000; Louisiana, 246,000; Mississippi 966,000; Missouri and Virginia, 52,000; North Carolina, 596,000; Oklahoma, 521,000; South Carolina, 1,074,000; Tennessee, 221,000; Texas, 2,271,000. Total, 9,429,000.

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STILL DEADLOCK IN LEAGUE

Ward Remains the Favorite But Factions Stand by Their Candidate For President—Johnson Withdraws Protest.

New York, Dec. 17.—After taking three ballots which showed a continuation of the deadlock of yesterday, the third session of the annual meeting of the National League of professional baseball clubs adjourned this evening until tomorrow morning at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The three ballots stood: For John M. Ward, four; for W. R. Brown, of Louisville, four. The most significant feature of the meeting was the introduction by Garry Herrmann, president of the Cincinnati Club, of a telegram from Ban Johnson, dated Syracuse, N. Y., president of the American League, who was on his way to Chicago, which was as follows:

"The American League Club owners have left New York. This should indicate forcibly to you and your colleagues that we do not wish to influence or embarrass to the the slightest degree your organization in the election of an officer."

John T. Brush moved "that Mr. Johnson's telegram in which he recedes from his position be accepted and given to the press."

This was carried unanimously and after the four hour session was over President Ebbets, of the Brooklyn Club, announced that it was the sense of the eight magnates that Ban Johnson receded from his avowal not to sit on the National Commission if Ward was elected president of the National League, a position he assumed as an ardent advocate of the re-election of John A. Heydler.

Ebbets announced further that if the eight presidents could not break the deadlock they must either appoint a regency such as formerly existed or appoint one of their number to act as president.

The vote for Brown is not taken seriously. Only two of the club owners know him personally. Heydler is not considered out of the rate. The Herrmann-Dreyfuss faction still insist that they are for him if there is a chance for him to win. If not, they are for any one except Ward. As opposed to this the Murphy followers say they will never vote for anyone but Ward.

It is considered almost certain that if an agreement is not reached after three hours tomorrow the election will be postponed indefinitely and that either a regency of three will be appointed or that Heydler will be continued in the position as acting president.

UNION DEPOT AT NEWBERN.

Norfolk & Southern Acquires Valuable Property in City.

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 17.—The Norfolk & Southern Railroad Company has purchased the property on the corner of Griffith and Queen streets and running up Griffith street about 200 feet. The purchase price was $16,000, and the purchase was made as a part of the agreement in regard to the building of a union passenger depot. It is said that plans will be made at once for building the depot and that work will begin within a short time. The houses on the property just purchased will be removed and an entrance to the union depot made from Griffith street. The price paid for the property is regarded as very reasonable—a rather unusual thing when a railroad company is buying property.

TAFT ATTENDS FUNERAL

Funeral of Mrs. Horace D. Taft at Watertown, Conn., Today.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Taft accompanied by Captain Butt his military aide left this evening in the private car Colonial over the Pennsylvania railroad, for Watertown, Conn., to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Horace D. Taft.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon on the arrival of the President. Immediately after the ceremonies Mr. Taft will start on his return trip to Washington. He will arrive here Sunday afternoon.

Because of the death of his sister-in-law the President today authorized the recall of the invitations for the dance that was to have been given in the White House on December 29th.

OUTLINES.

The session of Congress was enlivened yesterday by speeches from Representatives Mann and Fitzgerald denouncing officials of the executive departments of the Government——On account attitude of Zelaya's followers toward American people in Nicaragua, the cruiser Buffalo has been order to proceed to Corinto——In a wreck on the Central of Georgia railroad yesterday at Harris City, Ga., two people were killed and seven injured——Prince Albert will succeed the throne of Belgium on Thursday. There promises to be a long legal fight over the King's estate——The appeal of the Standard Oil and the order of dissolution was filed yesterday at St. Louis——John Barret, president of the International Bureau of American Republics, in an address in Toledo, Ohio, yesterday urged the union of the five Central American republics——New York markets: Money on call 4 1-2 to 5 per cent., ruling rate 4 7-8, closing bid 4, offered at 4 1-2; cotton spot closed quiet 5 points lower, middling uplands 15.14, middling gulf 15.35; flour nominally higher with a quiet trade; wheat spot firm No. 2, red 1.27 elevator domestic and 1.26 1-2 f. o. b. afloat nominal; corn spot firm, No. 2 70 1-2 elevator domestic, 71 delivered and 68 1-2 f. o. b. afloat nominal; oats spot firm, mixed 46 1-2; rosin quiet, turpentine steady.

FIVE CONVICTED IN SUGAR FRAUDS

Cashier Escaped With Disagreement on Part of The Jury.

MR. BENDERNAGEL ESCAPES

Was Only One of "Higher Up" Defendants, Whom Government Expected to Catch—New Trials Already Moved For.

New York, Dec. 17.—The jury tonight found giuilty five of the six employes of the American Sugar Refining Company, who have been on trial for the past three weeks charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud the government of customs dues on imported raw sugar. In the case of James F. Bendernagel, a former cashier of the company's Williamsburg plant, the jury disagreed. Mercy is recommended for all those found guilty.

The jury was out ten hours. Under the indictment, Oliver Spitzer, a dock superintendent, John R. Coyle, Thomas Kehoe, Edward A. Boyle and Patrick J. Hennessey, checkers, may be punished for the commission of two overt acts, the maximum penalty for each of which is two years imprisonment and $5,000 fine.

The failure to convict Cashier Bendernagel is regarded by the government as a distinct disappointment. The efforts of the prosecution has been to trace the customs frauds already admitted to a higher source, and Bendernagel, though not an executive officer of the company, was an employe who came in contact with those who shaped the company's affairs in their larger aspect.

Special emphasis was laid by Mr. Stimson in his summing up for the prosecution on such of the evidence as tended to show the culpability up the part of Bendernagel.

"I regard it as my duty," said Mr. Stimson, "to bring to justice those persons higher up who knew of and profited by these sugar frauds.

"If the attorneys who yesterday demanded the acquittal of these defendants, because men of equal or greater guilt are not yet prosecuted were under retainer to those same men higher up they could not have made a stronger argument to save them from punishment.

"If these defendants are not guilty, then no one in the American Sugar Refining Company is guilty and no one in the customs service is guilty."

As other indictments are pending against the convicted five on which they are yet to be tried, it was agreed by the government that they be paroled in custody of counsel, with leave to renew bail when argument for a new trial is heard at a day to be fixed. Mr. Stimson, in view of the verdict, moved that the indictment against the former cashier be severed from that of the defendants and to this the court agreed.

Judge Martin adjourned court until 10:30 A. M. tomorrow, when the defendants must appear, and the date will be fixed for the argument on an application for a new trial.

Tonight's verdict brings to a close the government's first step in criminal procedure following the vast underweighing frauds disclosed in the docks of the American Sugar Refining Company. Civil suits brought restitution of $135,000 as payment for duties evaded, while $2,000,000 was voluntarily returned.

With this as an admission of guilt the government proceeded to build up its criminal case which is far from complete. "Men higher up" are now talked of, while subsequent investigation has involved the Arbuckle Brothers, rivals of the so-called trust as well as the National Refining Company.

STANDARD OIL APPEAL.

Supreme Court of United States to Pass on the Case.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—The appeal of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, its subsidiaries and the seven individuals against whom the Government recently won its dissolution suit in the United States Circuit Court was filed here today.

Sixty-five instances in which the Circuit Court is alleged to have erred are cited as reasons for taking the case to the Supreme Court of the United States. The appeal was accompanied by a bond of $50,000.

Collectively the assignments of error are that the evidence did not show a violation of the Sherman act, under which the suit was brought. Specific objection is also made as to the overruling of the plea against the jurisdiction of the court.

The findings in respect to competition as between corporations occupying contiguous territory are also declared to have been in error as well as the court's conclusions regarding the part which John D. Rockefeller, Henry H. Rogers, John D. Archbold and the other individual defendants took in the formation and conduct of the various companies.

Christmas candies strictly fresh, 10c per pound at Warren's Bakery.

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DULL ON THE COTTON MARKET

Curtailment Spreading on Account of Semi-Failure of the Crop—Trade Very Poor in Europe—Market Conditions.

New York, Dec. 17.—Prices have sagged under the weight of liquidation by Southern, Western and other operators. Also Liverpool has been a persistent seller. The spot sales there have been very small and the condition of trade across the water is represented as being very poor even if the comparatively large spinners takings do not altogether bear out this statement.

Curtailment seems to be spreading on both sides of the water owing to the semi-failure of the crop both in this country and in Egypt and the high cost of raw material.

Rumors that large Southern operators, who have been here for some time were about to return home have at times had a disquieting effect, although such reports were not verified There was persistent talk, to the effect that during the coming week legislation inimical to speculation on the big cotton exchanges of the country will be introduced at Washington. Spinners are complaining bitterly of the high cost of raw cotton and are said to be persistently fighting any advance by holding aloof as much as possible from the market. Furthermore, as usual at the approach of the holidays there is more or less selling of what is termed "Christmas cotton."

In addition there has been not a little liquidation of speculative holdings as a matter of precaution on the approach of the holidays. The market, too, has reached a point where it evidently "bulls" less actively than when it was at a lower level. Yet on the other hand some large Southern and Chicago bulls are said to have latterly re-entered the market regarding the situation as distinctly strong and promising much higher prices in the future. Cotton goods have been more active in some directions at rising prices.

New England spinner in some cases are said to have been buying futures. The receipts have been light and the quantity brought into sight for the week is very much below that for the same time last year. Spot cotton has been very generally steady, and though quiet in most sections of the South, has been somewhat more active at New Orleans and Memphis. Bulls think that a large short interest has latterly been created here. Prominent Philadelphia spot merchants, according to the common understanding have been good buyers most of the week. On Friday, Wall street and Southern interests, bought heavily on reactions followed by a good mainy of the commission houses. Bulls have an idea, too, that the East India crop is not so large as it has been represented to be. In any case they think every bale produced by the world this year will be needed to supply the world's consumption.

The Philadelphia yarn trade has improved somewhat. The National Ginner's Association stated the amount ginned at 9,420,000 bales to December 13th. Today prices declined early on dull and weak cables from the Liverpool and bear pressure, but recovered the loss later on bull support and coverings.

EMBASSY ASSOCIATION PLAN.

Richmond Chamber of Commerce Will Give Reception to Arouse Interest.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17.—The Richmond Chamber of Commerce will give a supper and reception next week in order to arouse local interest in the American Embassy Association, the object of which is to induce the Government to purchase and maintain permanent homes for American ambassadors in various foreign capitals.

The principal addresses on the occasion will be made by F. Clarence Jones, president of the association and Frederick Townsend Martin, vice president, both of New York. Local speakers will be Governor Swanson, Mayor Richardson, President Williams, of the Chamber of Commerce, and Governor-elect Mann. The meeting here will mark the opening of the campaign in the South.

THOMPSON WINS FIGHT.

Hyland Beaten in Ten Round Mill. in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Kan., Dec. 17.—Johnny Thompson won the decision over Dick Hyland in a ten round fight. The fight was fast from the first.

In the fifth round Thompson led with stiff right to the jaw, and with a second blow of the same kind sent Hyland to the floor for the count of eight. A third right on Hyland's jaw sent him down for nine seconds, but he came up strong and a half dozen more rights delivered by Thompson did not seem to hurt.

Thompson tried hard for a knock out but did not seem to have the necessary punch.

The contest went on merrily until the end which found both men clinched on the floor, following a slip.

FIRE AT GOLDSBORO.

Serious Damage to Home of Mr. Thos. McGee Yesterday.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 17.—Fire this morning at 4 o'clock did serious damage to the home of Mr. Thos. McGee and leaves the house considerably wrecked, with some insurance but not sufficient to cover loss.

Cakes that will please you at Warren's Bakery. de 18-2t.

WAR VESSELS SENT TO CORINTO

Will Protect Americans and American Interest in Nicaraguan Crisis.

THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT

Zelaya Said to be Playing Double—Costa Rica's Attitude in the Emergency—Likelihood of Trouble in Republic.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The United States ship Buffalo, now at Panama with 700 marines on board, has been ordered to sail at once for Corinto. This action was taken today as the result of a telegram received from the United States consulate at Managua in which it was stated that inasmuch as Zelaya in his message resigning the presidency had made unpleasant reference to Americans and owing to a report which was current in that city to the effect that civilian adherents to Zelaya had been armed with daggers, the citizens of the United States residing in that city had appealed to the consulate for protection.

Another telegram from the American consulate at Managua states that it is currently rumored there that when Madriz arrives in Managua, presumably tomorrow, Zelaya formally will surrender his office to the National Assembly and that that body has already received instructions from Zelaya to cast its vote for Irias as President of Nicaragua.

The rumor is directly at variance with the understanding here based on dispatches from Nicaragua officially or otherwise to the effect that Madriz would receive the support not only of Zelaya himself, but of his faction.

The conclusion of the United States officers at Managua is that by the selection of Irias, Zelaya would still retain his hold on power and continue to dominate the situation.

This change of front on the part of Zelaya is a matter of no very great surprise to the officials here, it being well known that both Irias and Madriz have long been regarded as Zelaya's willing tools.

The hurry orders sent to the Buffalo to proceed at once to Corinto may have some significance other than that stated, inasmuch as the arrival there is looked for on the very day that Madriz is expected to arrive in Managua.

Whether the 700 marines on the arrival of the Buffalo at Corinto will be placed under the orders of the United States consulate at Managua does not appear, but it is assumed that the commander of the Buffalo will take such steps as he may deem necessary under his general instructions to protect American citizens and American interests.

Rear Admiral Kimball, who went to Panama on the Dixie, will accompany the marines to Corinto. He will then take command of the naval vessels at that port. Those now there are the Albany, Yorktown, Vicksburg and the Collier Saturn. The Princeton is expected to arrive tonight.

Costa Rica's Attitude.

Mr. Calvo, the Costa Rican minister to Washington and Mexico, today gave the Associated Press the following statement showing his country's attitude in regard to Nicaraguan affairs:

"As to the revolution, the government of Costa Rica has endeavored to maintain by all means in its power the strictest neutrality, both in conformity with its traditional policy of non-interference in its neighbor's internal affairs and with the provisions of treaty and conventions at Washington.

"Regarding the differences now unfortunately existing between Nicaragua and the United States, the Costa Rican government earnestly deplores the strained relations between the two countries and the consequent situation; while Costa Rica would be ready to do all within her means toward a happy solution, it has taken no action whatever in the matter, the government having no opportunity to co-operate to that end."

Also, with reference to the publications made in which Senor Don Ricardo Jiminez, president-elect of Costa Rica, has been made to appear as having uttered anti-American sentiments, Minister Calvo emphatically affirmed what he has already said; that is, that these are erroneous and incorrect assertions. Senor Jiminez, he said, is a prominent lawyer, a man of high character and a true patriot, with a keen appreciation of the Central American sovereignty and an honest desire that the traditional good relations between Costa Rica and the United States shall continue as friendly as ever.

Zelaya Informs Taft.

Managua, Dec. 17.—President Zelaya last night cabled a conciliatory message to President Taft saying that he had shown his good faith by resigning in order that Nicaragua might resume friendly relations with the United States. He added that he proposed to leave the country, but stood ready to account for his acts as president.

Zelaya's message to Mr. Taft follows:

"On December 4th I cabled to Washington this message: 'Secreta-

ry Knox: I believe that the sources of your information are prejudiced and request that the United States send a commission of investigation. If its findings show my administration to be detrimental to Central America I will resign.' I have received no reply. To avoid harm to my country and desiring that it shall renew friendly relations with the United States, I have today sent my resignation to Congress. As my opponents consider my presence a disturbing factor I propose to show my good faith by leaving Nicaragua. I stand ready to account for my acts."

About Zelaya's Messags.

Washington, Dec. 17.—President Taft has received the telegram from President Zelaya in which he admits that the message proposing an American commission to investigate conditions in Nicaragua was not sent to Secretary Knox as he had stated in a public interview, but that the message was sent to the Nicaraguan charge, Mr. Rodriguez, for transmission to the Secretary. The message, however, was never delivered at the State Department.

No Fighting in Bluefields.

Bluefields, Dec. 17.—The American grip on Bluefields was tightened today when Commander Shipley of the cruiser Des Moines on the authority of Rear Admiral Kimball, in command of the American forces in Nicaragua, issued a proclamation formally stating that no fighting would be allowed at Bluefields.

Revolution Abandoned.

Beliz, British Honduras, Dec. 14—via New Orleans, Dec. 17.—The reported plan of ex-president Manuel Bonilla, of Spanish Honduras ,to organize a revolution against the existing government there which led to a declaration by President Davila, December 7th to the effect that Spanish Honduras was in a state of siege, has been abandoned temporarily at least, it is believed here because of the attitude assumed by the United States toward Zelaya and Nicaraguan conditions. General Bonilla is now quietly engaged in raising bananas on his farm near Beliz. It can be positively stated he has sent word to his friends in Honduras that no revolution will be begun now.

A formal message from President Davilla was borne to General Monilla yesterday assuring him of guarantees of protection of life and property in case of his return to Spanish Honduras. This message, it was declared, was sent in the interest of peace.

General Bonilla said it was his intention not to return to his country.

SHEMWELL REPRIEVED.

Governor Gives Him Until April to Begin Sentence.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—Governor Kitchin today granted a reprieve in the case of Baxter Shemwell, until April 1st, 1910, at which time the execution of the sentence must begin. The reprieve is granted on condition that Shemwell give a good bond for his appearance on April 1st. Shemwell is said to be ill in a hospital in another State. He was found guilty of assaulting a Southern Railroad conductor, because he would not stop at a station not on the schedule of the train, and sentenced to six months in jail.

Special and influential friends have been importuning the Governor for some weeks to change the sentence from imprisonment to a fine, expressing a willingness to pay $2,000 fine and pleading that the imprisonment would wreck the health, if not actually cause the death of Shemwell. In granting the reprieve Governor Kitchin issues the following statement of his reasons: "The prisoner is at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for treatment for rheumatism, to which place he has been compelled to go frequently in in the last few years. I am informed that his trouble is worse in the Winter months than in warm weather. I therefore reprieve the prisoner till April 1st, 1910, on which date the execution of the sentence of the court will begin. The prisoner will give proper bond in the sum of $2,000 with sureties for his performance of the said sentence beginning on the said date."

WRECK ON SEABOARD.

Florida Limited Tied Up at Raleigh. Dormitory Burned.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—The Seaboard Florida Limited, northbound, was wrecked two miles north of here this morning. The mail and baggage cars left the track. The train was moving slowly, just getting out of the Raleigh yards, and no one was hurt. All northbound trains were held here until the track was cleared late this afternoon. All trains out of Hamlet were delayed on account of waiting for connections.

The woman's dormitory at Bennett College for colored, at Greensboro, was burned this morning. The 40 girls who live in the dormitory were at chapel in another building when the fire broke out and all escaped injury. The school is supported by Northern Methodists and has about 200 students.

VERDICT AGAINST ZELAYA.

Miss Juliette Hero Awarded $2,000 Damages For Breach of Promise.

New York, Dec. 17.—Fortune gave the Zelaya family another prod this afternoon when a jury awarded Miss Juliette Hero $2,000 damages against Dr. Anibal Zelaya for breach of promise.

"It might as well have been $50,000," said the young relative of the Nicaraguan dictator when he heard the verdict; "I have no money and can't pay."

Under the law, unless Zelaya settles he can be committed to jail for an indefinite period.

Miss Hero sued for $100,000 damages, alleged that Zelaya promised to marry her while a medical student here. Two years ago, however, his courtship waned. The plaintiff who is a Grecian girl and pretty, expressed satisfaction with the verdict, not because of its amount but because she considered herself vindicated.

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THREE INJURED MAY DIE.

Were Hurt in Wreck Near Greensboro.—In Critical Condition.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 17.—The list of dead as a result of the wreck at Reedy Fork trestle Wednesday morning has not grown since yesterday, though report from the hospital where 17 injured are being cared for are not as encouraging as yesterday.

Robert Russell, the New York journalist, and traveling as the guest of George Gould; John Phillips, of Petersburg, and Frank Smith, of Danville, are now reported in a critical condition. George Gould and son Jay spent an hour at the hospital today with Mr. Russell.

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EXCITEMENT AT GOLDSBORO.

Negro Mob Chased Colored Detective Out of the City.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 17.—Considerable excitement was caused in the southern part of the city tonight, when a mob of negroes, numbering about 40, gave chase to a "blind tiger" detective hailing from Newbern, N. C., shooting at the fleeing detective with shotguns and pistols. The detective, who is also a negro, was beaten up very badly before he could free himself from the mob, so he could run and it is not known whether he was wounded by any of the shots fired at him or not, as he has not been located up to this hour. Officers were soon upon the scene, but no arrests have been made so far, as the mob had disbanded when the officers arrived. The shooting drew large crowds to the scene, but it seems that none of the spectators are able to identify any of the negroes who composed the mob.

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Brotherhood Railway Clerks	204	Miss Lucille King	206
Boys' Relief Club	202	Miss Bessie Sears	210
Miss Bertha Devane	204	Miss Fenley Care Hospital	209
Miss Lydia Davis	210	D. Hardwick	211
Miss Janie Dudley	202	Miss Rosa Furlong	232
W. E. Jays	321	Mrs. C. Williams	2,002
Miss Mollie Houston	951	St. John's Sunday School	1,957
Fenley Bros	1,541	Miss Viola East	311
Naval Reserves	206	Miss Ruth Hopkins	201
Miss Lena McKenzie	1,189	Miss Marie Bland	201
Delgado Sunday School	282	Miss M. Emett	204
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A Lee County Nimrod.

Lee County Times: Dr. Ike Lutterloh, who went to the rabbit county (Chatham) last week on a sporting and hunting expedition, reports that he can not compete with his brother Roswell. He only bagged two partridges, one killdee and two rabbits. It is reported he caught one rabbit in a rabbit box.

Big Chicken Ranch in Wilkes.

Henderson Gold Leaf: Perhaps few people outside of the immediate section know that there is anywhere in North Carolina a chicken ranch or preserve on which there are six thousand of the feathered family that so much delight the heart and please the palate of the Methodist preacher. But such is a fact, and Wilkes county is the home of this industry according to the Wilkesboro Hustler. In a recent issue it said: "In passing this week we visited the W. S. Church place at Summit, the great game chicken preserve of Wilkes county. Chickens are shipped from this place to all parts of the world—South Africa, South America, Cuba and throughout the West. He has ten chicken yards and 1,000 chickens in ten yards, and fifty-two yards in the surrounding community, making about six thousand chickens."

A FLOP-EARED FATE.

Columbus Mule That is Scylla and Charibdis Rolled in One.

(Whiteville News-Reporter.)

An industrious and thrifty colored woman named George lives in Prong township, whether she was a maid or widow before she married her first usband, who was also named George Esau George.)

It seems that the chief attraction about this Miss or Mrs. George was that she is the proud owner of a frisky mule and which animal she bought and paid for. There was not a dusky lord of creation in all surrounding country but had a longing eye cast upon that mule ,and in selecting a husband she had the whole neighborhood as her feet. She gave her heart, hand or half interest in the mule to Esau George, we cannot say.

But their marital bliss was short lived, and the honeymoon was eclipsed before it entered the third quarter. Esau one morning proudly mounted that mule and started out to show off to his unsuccessful rivals. But the mule decided that he didn't care about any dual ownership, and so dumped Esau on the roadside with a broken neck and returned home to the widow he had just made.

After Esau had been planted and a reasonable season of mourning, Mrs. George began to look around for another husband. Undeterred by the sad fate of Esau, that mule had lost none of its magnetism to attract suitors, and Joe McMillan drew the double prize in the matrimonial lottery.

Everything went on very smothly until last Saturday, when Joe hitched the mule to a buggy and drove off. But he had not proceeded far when the mule took fright and ran away, throwing Joe from the buggy and bursting his head open. Death must have been instantaneous. So that mule has the murder of two men on its seared conscience.

The question now agitating the colored population of the Prong settlement, is whether there is another darkey brave enough to aspire to become No. 3. That mule is reported as ready at any time to assume business at the old stand ,and its eyes brighten when a young darkey approaches to condone with the twice-bereaved widow.

CAIN AT WHITEVILLE.

"Pop Skull" Figures in a Near Tragedy in Columbus.

(Whiteville News-Reporter.)

There are now only three prisoners in jail, but when the car-loads of pop-skull being brought in starts its Christmas work the prospect is that Jailor Spivey will have his new hotel filled to overflowing for New Year's dinner.

Last Friday D. W. Cain came into our town from Bladen county with a buck load under his shirt. Cain said he was going to take in the town and paint it. He saw those made-up Indians with the Carnival show, and his whiskey-inflamed imagination doubtless depicted Whiteville as a frontier town, and himself as a rip-roaring cow-boy from the plains of Bladen. Cain drew a pistol from his pocket and began cursing at a furious rate, charging all the surrounding atmosphere with profanity. He was arrested at once and lodged in jail until a magistrate could be found. A warrant was sworn out charging him with carrying concealed weapons. Cain was afterwards brought before Judge J. H. Maxwell, when he gave a $50 bond for his appearance Monday at 10 o'clock. The case came up Monday, but was continued until next Saturday, when it will be heard before Judge Maxwell. But for being crazed with whiskey, Cain would not have acted as he did, and regrets it very much.

CALLED MUNZIE A VAGRANT.

Strange Charge Brought Against Hard Working Road Nigger.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Police court habitues sat up and stared yesterday morning when a new name was called by the chief of police and a face and form unfamiliar to that environment were ushered in. Munzie Abernethy was the name of the defendant, who was charged with vagrancy. It was hard to say whether Munzie was under arrest again or yet. Thursday a week ago he was released from the county roads where he was sent for stealing a chicken. A day or two later he amused a crowd in the "Cloak rooms" of the city hall by telling the recorder good humoredly that he had been sent to the roads for a month for "nothin' atall." having been lied about by the real culprit. "I'll get even with him though." declared the negro. "He's got a goose which will go fine for Christmas dinner and I'll sho have him. Mr. Smith, fer a fac' you orter give me a chicken."

Munzie stated yesterday that he secured a job shortly before his arrest, though he feared that his delay in appearing would cost him it. The recorder let him go, warning him he must go to work. Munzie is sui generis.

STEWART JUDGMENT PAID.

Big Amount on Compromise Handed Into Court Yesterday.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 17.—In this city at noon today, says the Observer, this afternoon, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, through Hon. Geo. M. Rose, division counsel, paid to F. H. Taylor, clerk of the Court of Harnett county, $25,045.56, the judgment and costs in the case of W. A. Stewart against the A. C. L. for damages in the killing of Mr. Stewart by an A. C. L. flying shift at Dunn.

When the payment was made there were present in Mr. Rose's office, besides Mr. Taylor, Attorneys R. L. Godwin, J. C. Clifford and N. A. Townsend, all of whom asked that the money be not turned over to the clerk of the Court, but held by the A. C. L. until the dispute over its distribution now in the courts, is settled. The payment of this money to H. C. McNeill the executor having been enjoined the railroad decided to pay it to the clerk of the Court, in exoneration of the judgment against it, and let the other interested parties fight for it distribution.

FOR PUBLIC BUILDING.

Rocky Mount Gratified at Action of Senator Lee S. Overman.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 17.—Senator Overman's bill introduced yesterday in Congress for public building at Waynesville, Shelby and Rocky Mount brought a feeling of gratification to many . It is a fact that Rocky Mount has postoffice receipts in advance of any city in Eastern Carolina without a public building, still it is a known fact that the recommendation on the part of one Senator was held up by a petition against the appropriation being made. Senator Overman it is believed has voiced the will of the great majority of the people of the city when on yesterday he asked Congress to give to Rocky Mount along with two other Carolina towns an appropriation of $80,000 for such a structure.

TOBACCO SALES HEAVY.

Holidays and High Prices—Bring the Leaf—Smallpox in Edgecombe.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 17.—Due no doubt to the approach of the holiday season and the fact that the market is well up, the farmers from all sections of both Nash and Edgecombe counties are handling their tobacco through the local market and the sales of the week are heavy. The number of pounds sold this week will take a large percentage of the one million mark and the prices are satisfactory. The independent buyers are more active than at any time thus far this season and they are taking a large share of the offerings, and the prices paid are in amounts that bring a smile to the farmers' faces. It is somewhat out of the ordinary as compared to former seasons but the amount of tobacco sold daily will compare favorably in amount with any other week during the Fall season, the general expression of all who have watched the sales is to the effect that prices are considerably up.

The first case of smallpox in Edgecombe county so far as the rural districts are concerned, is reported from the farm of Mr. C. D. Ruffin, about eight miles from this city. One of his colored tenants, Frank Battle, is the patient.

STATE CHEMIST RELENTS.

Will Analyze Stomach of Supposed Poisoned Negro in Cumberland.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 17.—The refusal of the State Chemist to make an analysis of the stomach of George Bell, the negro supposed to have died Monday from poisoning without the payment of a fee of $150, stirred up quite a sensation in legal circles here. People hereabouts couldn't understand why the State could analyze anything under the sun gratis except a human stomach and Solicitor Sinclair kept the mail and wires hot with communications to the Attorney General, who finally gave orders this afternoon that the stomach be analyzed for traces of poison in order that the authorities here may fix responsibility for the death.

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Boys' Axes.
Hamilton Rifles, $1.50.
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U. S. Bonds (at par)	551,000.00
Bank Building	25,000.00
N. C. State and other Bonds	170,420.50
Cash and Due by Banks	1,408,349.42
	$6,226,412.40

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$ 550,000.00
Surplus and Net Profit	351,423.93
Circulation	550,000.00
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
Deposits	4,674,988.47
	$6,226,412.40

DEPOSITS.

November 16th, 1907 ....$2,125,502.71
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WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 6:50, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Lumina at 7:45, 9:15, and 10:45 A. M., 12:15 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Lumina at 9:45 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:25, 6:50, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 6:50, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M

SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 6:20, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M. 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 6:35, 8:00, 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:35, 7:00 8:00, 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

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Lv Petersburg	10:25 a.m.	10:20 p.m.
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Lv Lynchburg	2:30 p.m.	3:13 a.m.
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Lv. Richmond	1:20 am	8:15 am
Lv. Petersburg	1:55 am	9:13 am
Lv. Weldon	3:40 am	11:35 am
Lv. Rocky Mount	5:00 am	12:50 pm
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1:40 PM	Ar Sanford Lv	3:30 PM

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NEEDED: A MASS PLAY.

In a half-column editorial suggested by this paper's recent "Thirty-foot" edition, the Charlotte Observer, under the heading, "A State-Wide Work," says:

"If energy, push and hard work can get for Wilmington that 30 foot channel to the sea which is of so much importance to it and to the remainder of the State as well, The Wilmington Star will surely get it. That paper has worked diligently in season and out of season, and it has never considered any work too arduous to do in this cause."

Continuing, the Observer shows that it appreciates fully what we have been trying all along to impress, that the deepening of the Cape Fear channel is only incidentally of local importance, but, as the establishment of an imperative basis of rate making, is in fact the most important single enterprise before the people of the State. Says the Observer:

"This extra edition is for the purpose of showing to the people of North Carolina what its chief seaport is doing as the State's port of entry—and a splendid showing does it make; also for the purpose of demonstrating the fact that Wilmington's advancement as a seaport must necessarily work to the advantage of the whole State, which it demonstrates beyond successful contradiction. Along this line most apropos are the opening paragraphs of the introductory article to the five-section supplement:

"Thirty feet to the sea" might with the same appropriateness be the slogan of Greensboro, or Charlotte, as of Wilmington.

For commerce is in its last analysis aquatic.

Civilization is a matter of highways.

The highway of the nations is the ocean.

Not to touch the ocean, therefore, by the highways adequate to present commercial needs is to suffer provincial isolation.

"In this work the Star and the people of Wilmington should have the energetic support, or rather the full co-operation of every business man throughout the length and breadth of this State, for it is to their financial interest that Wilmington should be successful in this matter."

President Taft is thoroughly committed to waterways, and the issue of bonds to secure it made necessary by the policy of governmental economy to which he is committed. He realizes that it is a poor economy that, for lack of current income, would delay the doing of those things which would bring handsome income returns upon investments with borrowed capital. He says, though, and with wisdom, that the issue of bonds upon the credit of the people can be hoped for only upon the presentation of a perfect prospectus indicating the security upon which the advance of the national credit is asked. The worst thing that could happen to the waterways movement, now in its inception, would be to let the appropriations in its behalf degenerate into a species of Congressional "pork." Waterways advocates contend that the principle for which they are fighting is primarily a business principle. The fight should be waged strictly along that line. In the "show down" which President Taft says will have first to be made, we look with confidence to the claims which a careful, expert and practical demonstration of the "thirty-foot project," in terms of its financial, commercial and stragetic bearings, will logically make upon Congress for immediate attention. To do this is comparatively easy under the circumstances, but to successfully force the attention of Congress, taken up with complex and diverting demands from all over the Union, is a work calling for the utmost effort and the most untiring watchfulness of the entire North Carolina delegation.

We know that the result will be worth the effort, and more, even should other things have to be for a time deferred. What is needed is a "mass play" by North Carolina politicians, interests and business factions, regardless of politics, and regardless of glory or precedence. There will be little help from "outside," but the inherent strength of the case is the best prophecy of success. We call upon every paper in the State to study this matter in the light of the interests of its own peculiar people, and to see with us that what is vital to our commercial future is vital no less, indeed more, to the commercial future of the State at large.

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DESTROYING CONFIDENCE.

When a controversy reaches the point that, whatever the outcome, it is already manifest that the whole warp and woof of the matters at issue are run through with the threads of innumerable lies, it is an idle pastime to attempt casually to sift out the truth. The tangle is so perplexing that time alone will straighten it. In the now disgusting "Polar Controversy," therefore, we await the end with only a slight remaining interest. When the truth is finally separated from the lies, it will probably be found that all parties are more or less entangled in the meshes of deception, dishonesty and subterfuge.

The latest development in the matter of the "Loose fabrication," involving an alleged confession on his part that he concocted the story printed by the New York Times, in which he claimed to have furnished Cook the Arctic observation data upon which to "fake" support of his narrative, with the sole idea of the saleable value of such a fraud, suggests what to our mind is a much more serious development than the question of the veracity of Cook, Peary, Loose, or any other of those who have become involved in an unseemly scandal. We refer to the traffic in libellous literature engaged in by a paper which, until recently, bore a high reputation for decency and honor. The New York Times has been accustomed to sneer with disdain at "Yellow Journalism." Its tone has been hypercritical, its pretension that of culture and virtue. Yet, when the test comes, it is caught with the goods on it of having purchased in the open market stuff from men who probably preferred it as a customer to the "Yellows" because they had ascertained by experience that it was ready and willing to pay a higher price than the ordinary, every day purveyors of such matter. Because the New York Times had a reputation for decency, the public gave credence in the first instance to the unbelievable forgery of the letter from Cleveland, then in his grave; because the public believed in the after-development of that matter that the Times had been grossly imposed upon by Brandenburg, the allegations of Loose were not at first treated with the contempt that they deserved, because it was considered that, having been caught once, the Times would afterward proceed with caution. It now looks as though the Times is caught again, and that its ethics, so far from being higher than those of the sensational New Yorkalies, are in reality lower because of the mixing of the vice of libellous publications with hypocrisy as to the motives of a cheap sensationalism.

When a paper of this type, supposedly published in the interests of sweetness and light, morally, politically and economically, does not hesitate to trade as it were with any receiver of stolen goods or trafficer in reputations who comes along with the confession of his own turpitude involved in the very bargain offered, the people may be excused for a growing cynicism as to the worthiness of motive behind even the most apparently altruistic effort. Such conduct only makes for distrust, for a lack of belief in both public and private virtue, and for a further fattening support for those frankly vulgar "Yellow" papers that, whatever else their crimes, are at least open and above board in their pandering to the vicious and the scandal loving.

We know little about Cook and his claims; little about Peary and his claims; too much in many respects about both of them. But about the New York Times we think that, in common with the great mass of the people who have followed its efforts in competition with other papers, we know all that is necessary to form a verdict of complete contempt.

PHYSIC FATAL TO THE WELL.

Here is the Whiteville News Reporter on the Alabama election:

"Extremes are sure to react upon their authors. There is an old epitaph in an English church-yard which reads:

'I Was Well.
I Took Physic to Get Better,
And Died.'

"The Alabama prohibitionists made this mistake when they tried to force their constitutional amendment on the voters. We do not believe there is a State in our Union where prohibition is better enforced than in North Carolina, and there is nothing drastic about the act. If you want a boy to turn to sharpen your axe don't bear too hard on the grindstone."

There have been enough editorials printed on the subject of the Alabama result, to make a fair sized library, expressing in varying degree the same opinion. While a little late in making its appearance, Editor Gannt's comment covers the situation with a brevity as pleasing as illuminating.

Zelaya finally gave up that which it already appeared the United States was going to take away from him, an' he did not. Without surprise at this development, we are still unable to throw a prideful chest.

The blood-thirsty attitude of Senator Rainer is all the more astonishing on account of the dual circumstances that he defended Schley from persecution and has always prided himself upon belonging to the most persecuted race of Jews.

CAN A TYPE BE FUSED?

The brilliant idea of Zangwill, in the prophecy of the future of even so tenacious a race as the lower class Jews when thrown into the "melting pot" of American traditions and surroundings, finds vindication in the report of the actual results of immigration by the commission appointed for that purpose. In its preliminary report to Congress the commission asserts that there is an almost instant change in both the physical and the mental attributes of immigrants upon their arrival in America. Their habits and characteristics reflect instantly their surroundings. In the first generation born on American soil, the children vary perceptibly from the age-long type of their parents, becoming larger, of more American type in features, and indicating a phychological assimilation in many respects of American ideas and ideals. Whether these changes are purely psychological on account of the influence of changed manners and customs, or whether they may be in part traced to climatic conditions, the report, so far as we have read it, does not say. Enough is stated with certainty, however, to hold out a hope, in the case of the baffling immigration problem, that the mass from Europe will not only not remain undigested, but will conform itself eventually into the varied but in some sense distinctive type of Americans.

However interesting all this may be, the serious doubt lies in the tendency of a type, once changed, to revert. Avatism is in many instances as marked as adaptability. With the slow corruption of the stock of this country with all manner of people, may the time not come when the mass of American people generally may be affected seriously by the mongrel infusion of this sort of blood, as well as that American influence should operate, as it seems to be doing, to raise its standard? Even such physical changes as the following may mean nothing more than that the underlying soul of the parents is preserved in an exterior the more dangerous in undesirable cases because the more deceptive:

"Among other results noted, it is shown that the American-born children of the long-headed Sicilians and those of the round-headed East European Hebrews have very nearly the some intermediate head-form. The children of the long-headed Sicilians are more round-headed, the children of the round-headed Hebrews are more long-headed, than their parents. Similar changes are traced in the development of the faces of these types. The amalgamation is most rapid during the period immediately following the arrival of the immigrants."

Take the case of the Negro in America and in Africa. The American negro represents, when blood pure, a development that has been under way not more than three hundred years. He is hardly recognizable with the native types of his parent stock, notwithstanding the pigmentation and the facial characteristics that, in his case, persist to a remarkable degree. Association with and the example of the white man have apparently changed him completely from the form of his native African prototype. Yet, attempt the process of deportation; put the American negro in living contact with the African, and the triumph is with the long line of the blood, and not with the short line of environment and education. Numerous instances of this sort show that, where a negro, through generations, slowly loses his characteristics in contact with whites, it takes only one generation to place him back again in complete absorption by the stock from which he sprang. More than that, it has been only three or four years since an American missionary, a mulatto, deserted his post in Africa and was later found, naked and with paint in the knife wounds which he had given himself, dancing the death song in strange and primeval forest incantations.

What does it profit America if the immigrants from the slums of Europe, heirs to a history and environment of vice, disease, poverty and treacherous resentment of government, become in this country smooth of tongue and hard to distinguish from the mass, while still retaining at the core the bent and the loosely covered inclinations of their forebears? When the most careless and confident country under the sun shall finally run upon that great inner revolt toward anarchy which it does not only not seem to recognize, but almost seems to invite, in the forefront of those with the red flags will be found not so much the timid and overawed immigrant, but his fearless and thrice bloodier descendant, his heart aflame with all the passions suppressed in the parents, but lying like glowing embers in the couls of their progeny.

King Leopold surprised his kingdom by dying. The tallest man in Europe ,one of the richest, quite the meanest, and entirely the happiest, notwithstanding his great age, he was so perfectly the natural conundrum that it was half-way believed that he was superior to that Nature which he so successfully flaunted.

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AN EMANCIPATION EXPOSITION?

Congress will do well to thoroughly investigate the proposed exposition in Savannah in 1913, in celebration of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, before lending government aid to the project. Such an exposition may be a good thing, and it may not. The country may be ready for it ,and it may not. The idea is entirely new; for that reason it should be thoroughly canvassed before the government commits itself to its advancemnt.

We take it that the difficulties in the situation lie, in the first instance, more with the North and the Northern negroes, than with the South and the colored population of this section. The latter have come, with some pain, but adequately, to an amicable understanding; the former are still in an attitude of question and suspicion of Southern feeling and negro character as we know it. If the negroes of the South were to hold such an exposition, of and by themselves, they would find in it from the whites the same encouragement and helpfulness that they find, for instance, in the yearly gathering at the Colored State Fair in Raleigh. But when such an undertaking is made national in scope; when it will be representative of the more or less unstable and inflammatory Northern negroes of more education than brain; when, in addition, it may cause a renewal of the old Northern idea of insistence upon the negro as a persecuted race, in connection with a vaunting spirit at his "liberation", the proposal carries the doubt of its service and the danger of its hurt upon its face.

The North, while it has been forced by circumstances to drop its once active harrassment, still regards the Emancipation Proclamation as a sort of second "Bill of Rights". It is inclined to cheer about it, and not disinclined to jeer at the South on account of it. On the other hand, the South, while now realizing that the freedom of the negroes was inevitable, cannot but regard the act and method of their "Emancipation" as not only cruel to a helpless race at the time, but as inhumanly reckless in the light of the conditions attendant upon it. The North views the enfranchisement that followed as a triumph of human liberty; the South as a piece of monumental folly to be negatived in practice at almost any cost. While these diametrical views still obtain, it may prove to be the sheerest folly to again provoke to active discussion an event whose results are only beginning to be tempered with a national charity and sympathy.

The South has been good to the negro, has rejoiced in his progress, has educated him to the point where in many respects his destiny has become his own. Yet it must not be slurred over that the Southern negro, grown more tractible, is yet subject to the easy imitation characteristic of his race; that he can easily be led astray, and that what he most needs now is less thinking upon himself as an important factor and more contemplation of his work and the ways in which he can improve his condition. What the Southern negro needs is a rest, for his own sake, as well as for the sake of others—more rest and perfect abstinence from racial excitement.

Whether the proposed exposition would help him forward, or merely accentuate his predelict ion to dangerous egotism, is at any rate a question that ought to be met in the most serious and dispassionate spirit.

The Congo Free State will now go (officially) into mourning.

When Nicaragua is formally annexed, there ought to be formed from the Philippines, Porto Rico, Cuba, Panama and Nicaragua a very respectable society of the Benevolently Assimilated, with the proper mixture for the color scheme already provided in the personality of the members.

We rejoice in the prosperity of the Whiteville News Reporter and to learn that, among impending improvements, it is to add a folding machine to its plant. We trust, however, that it will not have the trials with the new contraption that Editor Josephus Daniels once suffered with his famous "paster and cutter."

SERVING A USEFUL PURPOSE

(Greensboro Daily News.)

Almost with the opening of the Congress, Richmond Pearson Hobson came to the fore with one of his many speeches upon the unpreparedness of this country for war, at the same time urging greater appropriations for both the army and navy, especially the navy.

With some Capt. Hobson and his perennial war scare have come to be something of a joke. But the worthy captain has a useful place to fill, as have all other men of one idea. He may carry this one idea to an excess, other men may carry their one idea beyond the bounds of reason.

But for all that, they are useful. We all need these one idea men to lead us into news paths. We may not immediately follow them as far as they would like to lead us. But the chances are without them we would not go as far as we should. Almost every great cause has had in its infancy some one able man who was almost fanatical in his opinions, but who aroused the common interest of the nation in a way that got them to thinking about the subject as they had never thought about it before and made the success of the cause possible, where it probably would not have been possible if left entirely in the hands of conservatives and not dreamers.

We take off our hat to Capt. Hobson, as we take off our hat to any man who takes up one great idea and sticks to it and uses every opportunity for pushing it along. We may not agree with him, but he is serving a useful purpose.

CURRENT COMMENT.

While Baxter Shemwell had friends importuning the Governor for a pardon, he skiped out and forfeited his bond.—Greenville Reflector.

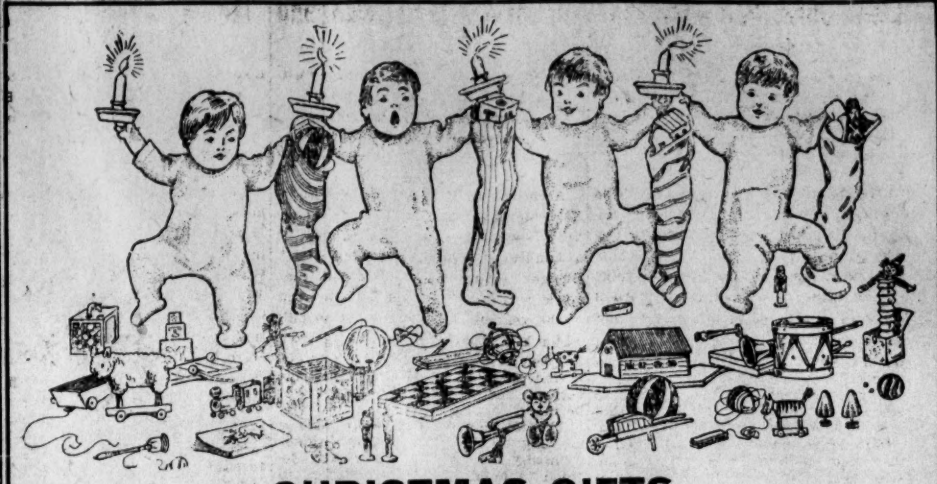
The fact that Uncle Sam expects to collect his new corporation tax from nearly four hundred thousand corporations, these including only such as earn over five thousand dollars net annually, helps to show what a big country this is.—Charlotte Observer.

Dictator Zelaya certainly dealt with the Americans, Groce and Cannon, in an exceedingly high-handed manner, but Uncle Sam himself, as represented by the District of Columbia officials, is treating John R. Early, the alleged leper from North Carolina and the Philippines, none too well—Charlotte Observer.

The "Thirty Foot Waterway" edition of the Wilmington Star was a splendid effort and General Manager J. E. Thompson, Editor R. L. Gray and all their associates are to be warmly commended for the enterprise that they showed in planning and executing such an edition. There are forty pages with abundant illustrations. To read this edition is to be impressed with the progressive spirit which the city of Wilmington is manifesting nowadays. A change has come over the spirit of the dream of the "City by the Sea." There once was a feeling that Wilmington was a sleepy, self-satisfied city. Nobody thinks so now. It is abreast of the Times.—Greensboro Telegram.

One reads with indifference about railroad wrecks in distant states. But it is quite another matter when these horrible occurrences are located practically at one's own door. The wreck of "Number Eleven" yesterday was one of the most fearful in the history of railroading in this section. It is too early to place the blame for the catastrophe. Perhaps it was some thing that human foresight could not prevent or perhaps it wasn't—all this will come out later . It is enough now to deplore the disaster and to voice the sympathy of the community for all the bereaved ones. Death is sad in any form but it is exceptionally so when it comes so suddenly and unexpectedly and under circumstances so terrifying.—Greensboro Telegram.

The Chicago dispatch in yesterday's papers giving an account of two men killed on a train by a rail being torn loose and forced through the car reminds one of the very frequent accidents of the same character—though fortunately not fatal—which used to occur on the old Raleigh & Gaston Railroad. In its first days the rails were flat iron strips nailed down to wooden stringers running lengthwise with the track. In very hot weather the sun would draw the nails and the ends of the rails or strips of iron would curl up—becoming, in railroad parlance of those day, "snakeheads." Frequently when the wheel of a car would strike one of these "snakeheads", instead of passing over it, the rail would be torn loose and forced through the floor of the car, tearing up seats and creating general commotion and excitement. Often serious delay was caused by tearing up the track. Considering the nature of the track and the equipment at that period, such accidents were not at all surprising; but in these days of well-ballasted track, fishplate connections and heavy rails it is remarkable that such a thing could occur. Is it a case of history repeating itself in the matter of railroad accidents? If it is, we hope it will also mean fewer disastrous accidents and fewer lives lost.—Charlotte Observer.



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EASY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Tips on How to Spend Holiday Money Rightly—Interesting Interview With Wilmington Merchant —Save Your Nerves.

You have met the woman who leaves all her Christmas purchases until the last shopping day, tries to buy fifty things in five minutes at counters lined ten deep with other folks in the same fix, comes home with a score of purchases that she does not want, her hair down, her hat hanging on one ear and her dress torn in ten places. Yes, you met her last year, and you will probably meet the same woman in the same condition this year; not only one, but a dozen of her.

Why do so many women go through the same painful performance year after year? Is it necessary to make such sad work of Christmas shopping? How can the holiday buying be done comfortably, correctly and to advantage, without fuss, worry or ruffled feathers? Those are some of the questions fired yesterday afternoon at Mr. C. W. Polvogt, of the local firm of The C. W. Polvogt Co.

Mr. Polvogt's answers should be carefully read and taken to heart by every man and woman in Wilmington who has holiday goods to buy, for, if his advice is followed, the Christmas shopping will be a distinct pleasure, instead of the usual dreaded task, put off, like a tooth pulling, until the last possible moment.

"Your first question," said Mr. Polvogt, "I cannot answer; like John D. of Standard Oil fame on the witness stand, 'I do not know'. The reason of why some women perform their holiday shopping in a hap-hazard, hit-or-miss-last-moment manner is as great a puzzle to me as it is to you, and to millions of other people.

"To your second question regarding the necessity for such unsatisfactory buying, I can give a most emphatic No, and, let me add, the number of wise Wilmington women who are discovering the correct method of shopping with greatest advantage is increasing every year. The hurried, frenzied buyers are in the minority here in Wilmington, although I am told that last moment Christmas buying is increasing in the big cities like Chicago, New York and Philadelphia; but that is because big city women lose their heads quicker than do their smaller city sisters.

"Can I tell you how to make holiday shopping a pleasure instead of a task? I certainly can, and if your readers will follow my advice this year, telling their experience to their friends there will be mighty few folks to shop in any other way next year. The plan will make its own converts.

"First: Do not wait until the last moment to begin your buying, begin now, today, and, if you have many gifts to select, do not try to choose them all in one shopping trip.

"Second: When you go shopping do not try to see everything at once, take it leisurely, make six short visits rather than one long one; you will not get near so tired, and you will see ten times as much. Resolve to make each trip one of pleasure, learn to enjoy looking, and do not be timid about asking the prices on everything you see, we pay salespeople for telling you those very things, that is precisely what our salespeople are here for, that and to wait on you cheerfully, quickly and correctly.

"Before you start shopping arrange a little system for your buying. Write a list of all the people to whom you wish to give; take plenty of time to do it, and be sure you do not forget anybody—nothing is more embarrassing than to receive a beautiful gift from some friend whom you have forgotten. It is wisest to give to more people than give to you, then no one will be forgotten.

"Leave ample white space on your list opposite the names and fill in with the approximate amount of money you wish to spend on each. Then get the department store advertisements and go through them carefully. When you note an advertised item that you feel would be appreciated by some friend, make a note of the item, price and store, opposite your friend's name on the list.

"Take this list on your shopping trip, and, as you purchase, make a note thereon of the articles and price, opposite the name of your friend for whom it is bought. Then, when you return from your first buying jaunt, you will know exactly what you have purchased, for whom and what it cost, thus greatly simplifying your next visit. Why, it is so easy, so simple, that every woman can do it in a few moments, and, notwithstanding its simplicity, the system is perfect.

"Now, one or two last words for your readers, and let me take those final admonitions most emphatic: start early and take it easy; if you do start early you will have plenty of time to take it easy. Keep good natured, make a joy of looking, just looking, it's lots of fun when you know how. See everything, and give as liberally as your purse will permit—you'll be rewarded a hundred times over when you note the pleasure your gifts afford.

"Somehow the mistaken idea has gotten abroad that we storekeepers do not like people who are "just looking". This is entirely wrong, we want you to look, we urge you to look to your eyes' delight, we have gathered the goods especially for you to see, and we know that the people who look today are the people who may buy later. Now, don't forget that, we urge you to come and see our Christmas show, even though you have no idea of spending a single penny, but do come early.

"That," said Mr. Polvogt, "is my best advice to the people of Wilmington who want to get all the fun possible out of both buying and giving—and there's plenty of fun in both, just follow these directions and you are certain to discover it."

Death at Delgado.

Mrs. Martha Long died at the home of a daughter at Delgado at 6:45 o'clock yesterday morning after an illness of some time. The deceased was 68 years old and is survived by several children. The remains will be taken to Whiteville this morning, thence to the old home of the deceased, some miles from Whiteville, where the funeral and interment will take place.

COTTON MILL FOR BLADENBORO

$200,000 Plant Will be Erected at Little Town Up Seaboard Road—Most of Stock Subscribed—Land purchased.

Architect H. E. Bonitz, who returned yesterday from Bladenboro, where he is supervising the construction of a handsome residence for Mr. H. C. Bridger, of that place, stated that work would be commenced the first of the year on the $200,000 cotton mill which the citizens of that little town propose to build. More than $150,000 of the amount has already been subscribed and the first payments will be made January 15th.

The citizens of Bladenboro held a meeting in the office of the Bridger Company on November 30th and decided to build a cotton mill there to contain not less than 10,000 nor more than 20,000 spindles. At this meeting 1,357 shares of stock were subscribed and the following appointed as the committee to receive additional subscriptions: Mr. H. C. Bridger, chairman; Messrs. N. M. Singletary, R. C. Bridger, H. C. Bridger, Jr., and E. C. Hester. Since that time more than 200 additional shares have been subscribed.

The mill will be erected about one mile north of the railroad station. Two hundred acres of land have been secured on which to erect the mill and the tenant houses. It is the purpose of the promoters to begin building at an early date, probably in January, and have the plant in operation as soon thereafter as possible.

The erection of the mill will mean much for Bladenboro and that entire section. Bladenboro is a very small place, having only three stores, bank and postoffice buildings, railroad station and a few residences,, and the undertaking is a big one. The town is on the boom, however, and its future growth is expected to be very rapid. Only recently a handsome bank building was completed, the plans for which were drawn by Architect Bonitz, and several nice residences have recently been built.

SCENE OF PALMER WRECK.

Captains Avery and Lamm Carried to Frying Pan on Sea King.

Capt. Leo Lamm, of the tug Coney, of Brunswick, Ga., which was towing the schooner Marie Palmer when she went ashore on Frying Pan shoals, and Capt. VanB. Avery, manager of the Savannah Towing Company, were carried out to Frying Pan late Wednesday afternoon on the tug Sea King, Capt. Edgar Williams, to the scene of the wreck of the big four-master.

Their object in going to Frying Pan shoals was to get some idea of the conditions with a view of protecting their interests in the suit filed against the Brunswick company for $130,000 on account of the loss of the vessel by her owners in Boston.

Capt. Avery is one of the best known tug boat managers on the coast and is connected with a large company at Savannah. The latter company owns a large number of boats, and Capt. Avery was well known as the captain who directed the construction of the McCauley, which was one of the most up-to-date tug boats on the coast for a number of years.

The Sea King left Southport Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Frying Pan shoals and reached port at 8 o'clock on the return the same night, coming up the river to the city yesterday. The party visited the exact location of the wreck of the Palmer, but there is not a sign of her left now, all having washed away during the recent bad weather.

The libel against the Brunswick towing company was brought at Savannah, alleging that the tug was responsible for the wreck of the schooner.

FOR A SANE CELEBRATION.

Some Would Have Fireworks Prohibited—The Ordinance.

There are those in the city who are opposed to so much noise during the Christmas holidays and have expressed the hope that the Board of Aldermen will prohibit the use of firecrackers and other explosives, especially on Christmas eve night when many people, of necessity, do their shopping. They also point out the danger of firecrackers as another good reason for suppressing the noise. One man was thinking particularly of the danger of children handling firecrackers. He said that one child wants to shoot firecrackers because the other children in the neighborhood shoot them and if the explosives were prohibited Christmas would be just as much enjoyed by the young folks.

The ordinance governing explosives provides that fire crackers and fireworks may be fired on the 24th and 25th of December, first day of January and the Fourth of July of each year, provided the explosives are not more than two inches in length. The ordinance prohibits the explosion of fireworks west of Front street at any time.

A member of the Board of Aldermen said yesterday afternoon that there was no movement that he knew of to prohibit the use of fireworks during Christmas. He intimated that he would be forced to stand by the ordinance as it now stands if the matter should come up before the body for consideration, for without fireworks it would not seem like Christmas to him.

WILL BE TRIED TODAY.

A. T. Merritt Charged With Abandonment and Non-Support.

Charged by his wife with abandonment and non-support, Mr. Alonzo T. Merritt, a well known carpenter of this city, who has recently been doing some work at Castle Haynes, was arrested yesterday morning by the constable of Harnett township on a warrant issued by Justice George Harriss, before whom the case will be investigated at 1 o'clock this afternoon, the defendant giving bond for his appearance at that time. The wife alleges that the husband abandoned her and their four small children and for more than a week he has not contributed to their support. Mr. Merritt is quoted as saying that constant nagging on the part of the wife was the cause of the differences between them.

TEMPLE PHARMACY FAILS

Business Closed Yesterday Afternoon by Constable Savage Under Executions—Homestead Claimed—Liabilities.

The Temple Pharmacy, which has been conducted at No. 15 North Front street, in the Masonic Temple building, for the last 18 months by Mr. Walter R. Kingsbury, was closed at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Constable W. B. Savage under executions obtained from Justice George Harriss by Armour & Co., and the Crescent Candy Co. The officer is temporarily in charge of the business.

The Crescent Candy Co. brought an action in Justice Harriss' court yesterday for $13 alleged to be due on account, and Armour & Co., also brought action for a small amount. John D. Bellamy & Son represented the plaintiffs and Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq., the defendant. The defendant, through his attorney, confessed judgment, whereupon executions were issued and the place closed as above stated.

The Masonic Temple Company has brought an action against Mr. Kingsbury for $200, alleged to be due for rent, and the hearing is set for 9:30 o'clock this morning before Justice Harriss. Meares & Ruark will represent the plaintiff company and Wm. J. Bellamy the defendant.

Mr. Kingsbury has given notice that he will claim his homestead exemption and Messrs. R. R. Bellamy, Moody Mintz and A. Silverman have been named as the commission to lay it off. This will be done this morning.

The amount of the assets and liabilities was not ascertainable last night. It was stated, however, that the liabilities are considerable with assets practically nothing.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcement by Wilmington Pastors For Services Tomorrow.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Sunday services 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. W. C. E. Society at 7:00 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public cordially invited.

First Baptist church, Fifth and Market streets, Rev. J. H. Foster, D. D., pastor: Preaching tomorrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 P. M. B. Y. P. U. Friday 8 P. M. Seats free; public cordially invited.

Salvation Army—Hall over the office of the Tidewater Power Company—Sunday School at 11 A. M.; Salvation service at 8 P. M. All are welcome. Ensign and Mrs. Williams, officers in charge.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Crowley. Sunday School at 3 P. M.

Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., expects to preach at Castle Hayne tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Advent Christian church of Wilmington, Fourth and Church streets, Rev. C. H. Sweet, Preaching at 11 A. M., subject, "Some Reasons For My Interest in Missions." Sunday school at 3 P. M., Lecture at 7:45 P. M., by Mrs. Sarah R. Taylor of Friendship, Me., subject, "Mission Work in India." The Bright Jewels meet Monday at 3:30 P. M. The Willing Workers meet Wednesday at 3:30 P. M. Weekly prayer meeting at 7:45 P. M. All welcome.

First Presbyterian church, corner of Third and Orange streets, Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor. Divine services tomorrow at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday school at 4 P. M. Christian Endeavor at 7:30 P. M. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. A cordial welcome to all.

WIRELESS TELEPHONE.

Representatives Here for Interesting Exhibition of This Marvel.

Messrs. A. T. Costello and W. T. Mixson are here for the purpose of giving a demonstration of the Collins Wireless Telephone, an invention which is one of the marvels of the age and which has been put in successful operation in many of the larger cities North and abroad. The exhibition will take place in some store on Front street not later than Monday of the coming week and the public will receive a cordial welcome. Messrs. Costello and Mixson come from Laurinburg where a demonstration was given last week, messages having been distinctly transmitted from one point to another without semblance of a wire. Messages have been transmitted a distance of 200 miles over land in the same manner and the exhibition will be watched with interest here by all who have read the scientific journals recently. Further announcement of the time and place of the exhibition will be given by the representatives who are here for the demonstration.

DESTROYS A DERELICT.

Seminole Encounters Gale of Wind on Cruise Up the Coast.

Returning from a cruise of five days up the coast as far as Cape Lookout the revenue cutter Seminole arrived in port yesterday afternoon, and reported destroying a derelict supposed to be a portion of the wrecked schooner Marie Palmer, which recently went to pieces on Frying Pan shoals.

Leaving here last Monday morning the cutter went to Southport and from there out to sea on Tuesday, arriving at Cape Lookout Wednesday. A severe gale blew while the cutter was anchored in Lookout Bight on Wednesday night, and on account of the severity of the weather they were compelled to weigh anchor at an early hour in the morning to get further out from the beach.

The derelict was destroyed 25 miles north of Frying Pan lightship. Three gun cotton mines were used in its destruction. It appeared to be a large piece of the side of the vessel.

THREE STEAMERS COMING.

Will Bring Fertilizer Constituents Here From Hamburg Soon.

Three steamers bound from Hamburg to Wilmington with fertilizer constituents for the local factories will begin arriving within the next few days. As will be recalled, there was some trouble between the government and the mine owners in Hamburg and shipments of this valuable fertilizer material was held up for several months.

Pursuant to the recent settlement, steamers have been arriving in large numbers at American ports bearing cargoes of potash. The steamers are the Mariner, which left Hamburg on the 8th of this month, and the Phoenix and Secalia, which cleared from the port named on the 10th of December.

MAY GET THE SCHOLARSHIP

North Carolina Arcanians in Lead for First Prize Offered by Supreme Regent for Increase in Membership.

"It looks like the North Carolina Arcanians will get the first prize—a four years' scholarship in any college in the United States—which has been offered by Supreme Regent Clavis H. Bowden, of Pawtucket, R. I., for the Grand jurisdiction making the largest net percentage of gains in membership in 1909." said State Regent H. E. Bonitz when seen by a representative of The Star yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Bonitz had just finished reading a letter from Grand Secretary Webster C. Weiss, of Bethlehem, Pa., congratulating him on the great showing being made by the order in this State and expressing the belief that North Carolina would easily win the first prize. Mr. Bonitz said that the Royal Arcanum in this State had made nearly 10 per cent. gain in membership since the 1st of January and that the Wilmington Councils had contributed more than their share to the increase.

The Supreme Regent has offered three prizes. The first, as stated, is a four years' scholarship in any college in the United States, Harvard, Yale, or any institution the recipient may elect, including everything except board. The second prize is a two years' scholarship and the third is a one year scholarship. The awarding of the scholarships is left to the Regent of the States winning them. "I firmly believe that I will have the pleasure of awarding the first scholarship," said Mr. Bonitz. The scholarship may be awarded to either a boy or girl whose father is a member of the order.

In referring to the local councils, Mr. Bonitz said that Carolina Council had initiated 35 since the first of the year and that six additional applications are now in the hands of the medical examiner. Cornelius Harnett Council, the oldest in the State, has initiated 10 during the year. "To give you some idea of the good the order is doing in this community," said Mr. Bonitz, "the two local councils have paid out this year to widows and orphans the magnificent sum of $23,000 which is about $11,000 more than the members have paid into the order in that period."

"The growth of the order in North Carolina during the present year," continued the State Regent, "is the greatest in ten years, and reports from all the councils in the State indicate that a splendid fraternal spirit exists in a majority of the councils. I have recently received invitations from six councils to attend big celebrations which they are arranging to give in the near future. These social affairs are a good indication of the fraternal spirit prevailing."

There are 45 councils in North Carolina, representing a membership of 3,200. Mr. J. S. Hooper, Deputy Grand Regent for the State, is now working in Salisbury and has just finished work at Thomasville, where he wrote 32 applications for membership in one month's time. Mr. S. M. Hampton, secretary of the Spray Council, Spray, a small town in Rockingham county, reported to the State Regent that he wrote 30 applications during the month of November. Many towns have initiated from five to ten members during the past month. Especially goods reports have been received from the western part of the State. The contests for the scholarships will close January 1st and it is expected that shortly thereafter State Regent Bonitz will be notified of the award of the first prize to North Carolina.

SUSPEND FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Schools of City and County Will Close Next Thursday.

The city graded schools and most of the rural public schools will close next Thursday for the holidays and will re-open Monday, January 3rd, for the Spring term. Splendid work has been done in all of the city and county schools during the present session and the average attendance has been unusually good. Most of the teachers in the High School will spend the holidays at their respective homes or with relatives and will not return here until a few days before the day of the opening of the Spring term. Professor Seagle, principal of the High School, and Mrs. Seagle will spend the holidays with Mrs. Seagle's relatives at Fayetteville. The teachers in the Union and Hemenway schools, for the most part, reside in Wilmington and some of them will probably spend the season with friends and relatives at a distance but most of them expect to spend the time at home.

COTTON RECEIPTS INCREASE.

Over Nine Thousand Bales Received at Port During Past Week.

Cotton receipts at the port during the past week were 9,472 bales, an increase of about 400 bales over the previous week and a small increase over the receipts of the same period last year.

These are the heaviest receipts in one week for some time. During the week middling sold for as high as 14 3-4 cents, which is the record here for the season. The actual receipts shown at the Chamber of Commerce are 5,192 bales, but the remainder of the cotton reported is on the yards here for delivery to the compress.

Funeral of Mrs. Smith.

The funeral of Mrs. M. Elizabeth Smith, wife of Mr. W. R. Smith, whose death occurred Wednesday night, was held from Brooklyn Baptist Church at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, conducted by Rev. C. F. Whitlock, the pastor, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. W. H. Yopp, W. W. Yopp, W. L. Smith, C. C. Wright, John E. Silton.

The Coast Line Calendar.

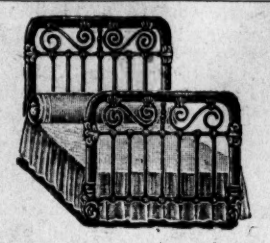
The Star is in receipt of the Atlantic Coast Line calendar for the year 1910. While not ornamental, it is one of the most useful of the many that come to the average office about this season of the year. The dates are large, plain and attractively printed, so that "a wayfaring man though a fool may read."

$2,000 Christmas Gift!

Beginning Friday Morning, Dec. 17th

and continuing until Friday night, Dec. 24th, we expect to sell $5,000.00 of furniture, house furnishing goods, Mattings, Rugs, Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, etc., for $3,000.00 cash. $2,000.00 less than the same quality of goods will or can be sold by any other house in North Carolina., giving our customers $2,000 as a Christ mas present. We will prove this to every customer. Come and see for yourself. There is a reason.

We give a few prices below, which prove the statement, the same reduction applies to more than 500 articles of new goods, received within the last 15 days.



$2.50 Iron Beds $1.49
$3.50 Iron Beds $1.98
$5.00 Iron Beds $2.98
$7.50 Iron Beds $5.98
$10.00 Iron Beds $6.98
$25.00 Brass Beds $17.98
$45.00 Brass Beds.....$27.98
$65.00 Brass Beds.....$41.98

102 Dressers, quartered golden oak, white enamel, birds eye maple, genuine solid mahogany, Commodes Chiffonieres and Ladies' Dressing Tables to match. Example of price: Solid Oak, 24x30 French Bevel Mirror $6.98

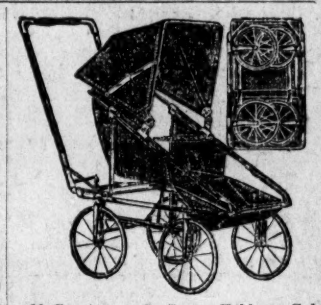
Mattings, more than 60 rolls, this year's importations, every piece received since December 1st, from 9 3-4c up per yard, by the roll only at these prices.

Rugs. We are away ahead with Rugs. More than 200 to select from. Study these prices.

27x54 Velvets $1.29
27x54 Fringed 98c
27x58 Axminsters $1.69
36x72 Axminsters $2.98
9x12 Brussells $12.98
9x11 Velvets $15.98
9x12 Smith's Axminsters.$19.98
9x12 all wool Smyrnas...$21.98

16 Library Tables, all woods, some Royal Crofts' make in the lot .....$3.98 up

30 Parlor Tables, beauties for presents at astonishing prices.



60 Carriages, Go-Carts, Folders, Collapsible, Pullman Sleepers, English Coaches, etc. See them if interested.

More than 200 Rockers, Golden Oak, Mission, Reed, solid Mahogany.
$2.50 Oak Rockers $1.69
$4.00 Oak Rockers.....$2.98
$6.50 Mission Rockers.....$4.49
$7.50 Reed Rockers.....$5.19
$20.00 solid Mahogany, leather seat and back.....$11.98

19 China Cabinets, golden quartered oak, mission and genuine solid mahogany, same at $13.98, bent glass sides and drawers.

21 Dinner Sets in Domestic, English, German and French China, $7.98 up for 100 pieces.

31 Ladies' Desks, oak, mission, walnut, imitation mahogany, solid mahogany and art, from $3.98 up. Don't fail to see them.

Pictures, Sideboards, Bed Room Suits, Parlor Suits, Dining Room Suits, Morris Chairs, from $4.98 up. Hall Racks, Lamps, Wardrobes and hundreds of other articles, all going at a saving. A few Dolls, Doll Carriages, Doll Tea Sets, Etc.

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WALTER BINGHAM.

Story of Man Who Claims to Have Seen Him Five Years After Murder

Anent the recently published rumor that Walter Bingham, the murderer of Miss Tuttle, of Wilmington, had been found in West Virginia, the Charlotte Observer prints the following interesting communication:

"At the time Walter Bingham murdered Miss Tuttle, of Wilmington, I was taking The Greensboro North State, which published photographs of both Walter Bingham and Miss Tuttle. Bingham resembled a neighbor of mine so much that I filed the paper containing his photograph. The latter part of July, 1891, on Sunday morning about 8 o'clock a deaf-mute walked up to my door and said, in writing, that he would be glad to get breakfast but had no money. While my wife was preparing his breakfast I tried to engage him in conversation but he was very reticent. I offered him a paper, which he refused; he seemed to be drowsy and dropped his head and closed his eyes, but I noticed that he watched my every move and while eating his breakfast he was constantly on the alert—so much so, that it satisfied me that he was guilty of some crime. Soon after he finished his meal he inquired the distance and the way to Walls ferry on the Pee Dee river, west of Rockingham. He had a pistol in his pocket. I was certain that I had seen him, but could not recall the time or place. I could not get the matter off my mind and the next day while eating dinner it flashed in my mind that it was Walter Bingham. I left the table, got the North State of December, 1886, and showed my family a perfect photograph of our visitor of the day before. On inquiry I found that he went to Erie Mills in the direction of Dumas ferry instead of Walls ferry, as he intimated to me. From what I could gather of his movements he lay in the woods most of the day time and traveled at night. The New York Herald was very much mistaken about his committing suicide and very likely some one has found him in West Virginia.

"WALTER M. BYRD.

"Mount Gilead, Dec. 16."

$2.50, $5.00, $10.00 Gold Coins.

The People's Savings Bank has on hand a large supply of Gold Coins, which they will be glad to furnish to their friends for Christmas presents. de 17-3t.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the world over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

FUNERAL OF MR. HEYER.

Services Held From Late Residence Yesterday Morning.

The funeral of Mr. George H. C. Heyer, whose death occurred Wednesday at noon, was held from the late residence, 420 North Fourth street, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, conducted by Rev. W. E. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church. Many relatives and friends attended the service. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery. The esteem in which the deceased was held by his many friends was evidenced by the many beautiful floral designs, which were banked around the grave. An especially handsome design was sent by the brokers and business men on the wharf. The Southern National Bank and the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company, of which institutions, Mr. M. J. Heyer, brother of the deceased, is president, were closed from 11 to 12 o'clock yesterday on account of the funeral. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. J. R. Turrentine, Sr., Jos. H. Watters, Samuel Bear, C. P. B. Mahler, Fred Fennell, W. H. Brown, H. W. Konig and O. M. Fillyaw.

MATERIALS DELAYED.

But Additional Tungsten Lights May be in Service Next Week.

There has been a delay in the arrival of the materials for the additional Tungsten arch lights which were recently ordered installed by the Board of Aldermen with the concurrence of the Board of Audit and Finance, but it is hoped to have the lights in service by Wednesday or Thursday of next week. Alderman B. O. Stone, chairman of the light committee of the Board of Aldermen stated yesterday that the materials were shipped from Pittsburg, Pa., on December 8th, two days after the Aldermen ordered the light installed, but the shipment had been delayed at some point en route. It is hoped that the materials may be received here by Monday, when a force sufficient to install the lights in three days will be put to work. The poles for the lights were put in place several days ago. Mr. Stone said that the additional lights would make Wilmington the most brilliantly illuminated city in the South according to size.

DULL IN POLICE CIRCLES.

Thursday Night Was Quietest Officers Ever Experienced.

"This has been the quietest night ever known in Wilmington police circles," said a sergeant at 3 o'clock yesterday morning as he was returning to the hall from his last round. "The men say there has been but very little stirring in any part of the city and it is especially quiet in the outlying districts. There were no signs of drunkenness where there is unusually much drinking at night." "That certainly is the truth," said another sergeant, "and it is a mighty bad sign, too. There is usually a calm before a storm. We may expect something to be doing within a few night and the 'Black Maria' will be kept on the go." "Yes," said the first sergeant, "it never rains but it pours and the fact that it has been exceedingly dull for the last two or three days augurs bad. I have never known it to fail."

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, Etc.

Mrs. D. W. Mason and children, of Waycross, Ga., are here to spend the Christmas holidays at their former home.

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Messrs. Clem Brown, Jr., and W. B. McKoy, Jr., are at home from the University for the holidays and are being pleasantly greeted by their many friends.

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Thursday's Charlotte News: "Miss McLaurin, of Wilmington, who is the guest of Mrs. Hugh McAdam Rose, will return home Monday. Miss McLaurin is a daughter of the late Mr. John McLaurin, for many years editor of the North Carolina Presbyterian (now the Presbyterian Standard.)"

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Grace Epworth League gave an interesting and unique entertainment last evening in the form of a "family reunion" to which all members and their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews were invited "unto the third and fourth generation". The hanging of the children's stockings and plans for filling them Christmas was an interesting and enjoyable feature of the gathering.

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The following invitation will be read with interest by the many friends of the young people:

Mr. and Mrs. John Calvin Bruton
invite you to be present
at the marriage of their daughter
Lula Virginia
to
the Rev. Walter Adair Stanbury
on Wednesday morning, the twenty
ninth of December
at eleven o'clock
At Home
Fayetteville, North Carolina.

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Friends in the city have received attractive invitations bearing the following interesting announcement:

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hewlett
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
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to
Mr. Harry T. Cooley,
on the evening of Saturday, December
twenty-fifth, nineteen hun
dred and nine, at eight-
thirty o'clock, at their
residence
520 So. Fifth Street, Wilmington, N. C.

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The B. Y. P. U. delightfully entertained last evening at the home of Miss Bevvie Fales, No. 518 Castle street. The entertainment took the form of a Christmas donation party and hundreds of packages were brought by the young people to be distributed on the glorious holiday to the less fortunate in the city. There was a special programme of music, readings, carols, etc., appropriate to the holiday and Miss Fales' guests were most charmingly entertained during the evening. Dainty refreshments were served and the young people accounted the evening one of the most pleasant they have spent in some time.

ORIENTAL COURT ELECTS.

Higher Branch of Junior Order Named Officers Last Night.

Oriental Court, No. 5, of George Washington Council, No. 67, Jr. O. U. A. M., in regular session last night elected officers for the ensuing six months as follows:

Grand High Priest—Prince B. D. Hamilton.

Grand Orient—Prince T. W. Callihan.

Vice Grand Orient—Prince J. C. Croom.

Recording Secretary—Prince M. H. P. Clark.

Assistant Recording Secretary—Prince S. P. Cowan.

Grand Herald—Prince W. B. Register.

Assistant Grand Herald—Prince Willie Hamilton.

Conductor—Prince Willie Atkinson.

Treasurer—Prince H. W. Howell.

Chaplain—Prince J. M. Hufhan.

Sentinel—Prince N. J. Hines.

Trustees were elected as follows: Prince B. D. Hamilton, 18 months; Prince W. P. Moore, 12 months; Prince M. H. P. Clark, six months.

The newly elected officers will begin their terms with the first meeting in January.

PUT IN NEW PLANING MILL.

Chadbourn Sash, Door and Lumber Co., Enlarging Its Operations.

It is announced that the Chadbourn Sash, Door & Lumber Co., has recently placed orders for a new planing mill which will be installed in connection with its new saw mill plant, near foot of Wooster street. The plant will be in addition to the large plant at Sixth and Red Cross streets and will place the company in better position than ever to serve its large and increasing trade. The new site acquired by the company some time ago covers an entire city block and is well located as to transportation both by rail and water.

BASKETBALL GAMES TONIGHT.

What Promises to be Two Interesting Contests Scheduled.

What promises to be two of the most exciting basketball contests of the season will be played in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. The Emeralds will play the Pirates and the White Sox the Cardinals. The games will be refereed by Mr. W. L. King. An admission of 10 cents will be charged.

In accordance with the resolution of the directors in session Tuesday night the water supply in the bath rooms has been increased, the connections being made yesterday.

GOLD MONEY.

The People's Savings Bank has just received direct from "Uncle Sam" a large supply of Gold Coins, which they will be glad to furnish to any of their friends for use at Christmas.

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PASSING WORTHLESS CHECK

Charge Upon Which Otto Deahle, of Castle Hayne, Was Arrested Yesterday—Also Accused of False Pretense.

Charged in one warrant with passing a worthless check and in another with obtaining goods under false pretense, Otto Deahle, who has been living at Castle Haynes for some time, was arrested at his home there at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Constable N. B. Chadwick, of Cape Fear township, and brought to this city by private conveyance last night. In default of bond Deahle was lodged in the county jail.

The warrant charging the defendant with passing a worthless check was issued by the Recorder some days ago on the affidavit of Mr. Julius Sternberger, who alleges that he cashed a $5 check for Deahle on December 7th. The check was drawn on the American National Bank, this city, and it is alleged that Deahle had no funds there. As Deahle was a frequent visitor to the city the warrant was placed in the hands of the police for service, but they failed to find him, and yesterday morning the warrant was placed in the hands of Constable Chadwick. The other warrant was sworn out before Justice Bornemann on September 20th by Mr. W. G. Baldwin, a Castle Haynes groceryman, who alleges that on the 12th of June last the defendant obtained from him by false pretense goods to the amount of $33.54. This warrant was also given to the Cape Fear township officer yesterday morning.

Deahle, who is apparently about 35 years old and says that he came to this section from Australia, is said to have the reputation of being a dangerous man and naturally the officer expected to have some trouble. He was pleasantly disappointed, however. When he placed Deahle under arrest the officer told him that he had a warrant for him for obtaining goods under false pretense from Mr. Baldwin, making no mention of the other warrant until he arrived in Wilmington. The warrant for passing a worthless check was served in the Recorder's office and Deahle's spirits declined rapidly. To say that he was dumbfounded expresses it but mildly. The Recorder required a $200 bond, in default of which Deahle went to jail.

Deahle has a wife and two children living at Castle Haynes and the scene at the parting yesterday afternoon was a most touching one, said the officer. Passing worthless checks is a misdemeanor and the maximum punishment is two years.

"THE 20TH CENTURY CHURCH."

Was the Interesting Theme of Sermon Last Night.

At the Christian Church last night Rev. J. T. Brown preached an interesting sermon on "The Twentieth Century Church." He said that a church that would meet the requirements of Christ must be a church full of enthusiasm and zeal. A worldly church is weak and a church of any power or strength must have some enthusiasm for the cause. The speaker said that if one would show him a card playing, dancing and theatre going church he would show him a church of no influence in the community. He declared with emphasis that the church of the 20th century would be a united church. This would be the greatest era of religion in which the power of the church would be felt in the world more than it has ever been. He made a strong plea for consecrated religion. He said that the reason the church was not a greater power in the world was on account of the lack of consecration. There is too much worldliness. At the conclusion of the sermon one young man connected himself with the church and there were two baptisms. There will be no service tonight. Mr. Brown will occupy the pulpit again tomorrow morning and night. Monday night he will give his famous lecture "Optimism and Pessimism." He will leave Tuesday morning for Eugene, Oregon, where he will hold a series of meetings.

JAPAN'S BUDGET ESTIMATE.

Inaugurates a New Readjustment of Taxation—Expenditures.

Tokio, Dec. 17.—The budget estimate for 1910 1911 as given out today inaugurates a new readjustment of taxation, thereby decreasing the estimated receipts $5,000,000. The extraordinary expenditures of the War Department are reduced $4,000,000 Provision is made for the addition of $3,750,000 to the consolidation fund which totals $96,500,000, of which $30,500,000 is to be devoted to the repayment of the National debt.

The estimated expenditures are announced as $267,000,000 which includes $43,000,000 for war and $37,000,000 for the navy.

The receipts are estimated at $267,000,000 of which amount taxes will contribute $161,000,000. It is announced that $17,000,000 will be devoted to industrial development and to continuing the policy of the Katsura government.

COOPERS BUY INTEREST.

Leading Wilmington Bankers Become Identified at Dunn, N. C.

Dunn, N. C., Dec. 17.—Messrs. W. B. Cooper and T. E. Cooper, of Wilmington and J. P. Cooper, of Tampa, Fla., have purchased an interest in the First National Bank here and perhaps Mr. J. P. Cooper will come here at an early date to live. Mr. W. B. Cooper is president of the American National Bank of Wilmington, and Mr. T. E. Cooper is cashier. Mr. John P. Cooper is president of the Bank of Tampa and organized a bank at Mulling, S. C. These gentlemen are fine business men, standing high in business circles of their respective towns and make progressive citizens for any section.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. W. R. Smith and family wish to express their sincere thanks for the many kindnesses tendered them during the illness and death of Mrs. M. Elizabeth Smith.

CITY AND COUNTY SCHOOLS

Observed North Carolina Day With Appropriate Exercises—"The Sixteen Mountain Counties," General Subject.

Yesterday was observed in the public schools throughout the State as North Carolina Day, in accordance with the act of Legislature of February 9th, 1901, setting apart one day in each year for the consideration of some phase or phases of State history. "The Sixteen Mountain Counties," was the general subject yesterday, the programme being prepared under the direction of State Superintendent Joyner.

In no county was the day more generally and appropriately observed than in New Hanover. In celebration of the day special programmes were carried out in the city graded schools and so far as could be learned last night in every rural public school, both white and colored. While the programme prepared by the State Superintendent was used as a guide, the schools did not confine themselves to it, but added other interesting features. It was not expected that all of the subjects given in the pamphlet issued by the State Superintendent would be considered yesterday, as it could not well be done and give each topic due consideration. The teachers in the rural schools will take up other topics in the pamphlet during the Spring session.

The city schools devoted one hour at the close of work of the day to special programmes in celebration of the day. The exercises were of a very interesting nature and very much enjoyed. There were a number of visitors at the schools. At Hemenway each of 98 counties of the State was represented by a child, bearing the name of a county. The programme there opened with a song, "Ho! for Carolina!" by the school, followed by a song, "We Are Little Counties," by the primary grade; reading by Benjamin Cleveland, fourth grade; reading, John Sevier, fifth grade; song, "America," by the school; a recitation, by sixth grade; "The Three Presidents From North Carolina," seventh grade; song, "Dixie," by the school; a recitation, "God Give Us Men," eighth grade; song, "The Bonnie Blue Flag," by the school.

At Union School the exercises began by the singing of "The Old North State," by the school, and the remainder of the programme was as follows: Indian Names," Clarence Sternberger; "Zebulon B. Vance," Sophie Kohler; "Benjamin Cleveland," Gray Hicks; "The Land of the Sky," Mary Cameron; a song, "Banks of the Cape Fear," fourth grade; "The Wanderer Back Home," Eliza Collins; "The Carolinas," Katherine Manning; "Racing Water," eighth grade; a song, "Dolls That Santa caus Left Behind," by first and second grades; song, "Ho! For Carolina," by the school.

The High School has no assembly hall and a programme was carried out in each of the rooms as follows:

Senior Grade—Poem, "Racing Waters," Mae Willson; reading, "Life of Zebulon Vance," Emmie Belle LeGwin; song, "Ho! For Carolina," by the class.

Junior Class—Song, "Ho! For Carolina;" quotation, class; reading, "Zebulon Vance," Miss Hallie Rutland; song, "The Old North State;" reading, "The Western North Carolina Railroad," Edelweiss King; Carolina toast, class.

Sophomore, No. 1.—Song, "Ho! For Carolina!" Talk, "The Land of the Sky," Alice Sawyer; recitation, "Indian Names," Fred Robertson; song, "Old North State," class; reading, "King's Mountain Boys," Earle King; recitation, "Racing Waters," Annie Leah Mercer.

Sophomore, No. 2.—Song, "Ho! For Carolina;" "David L. Swain," Leon Silerman; "Indian Names," Eunic Andrews;" song, 'Ho For Carolina," class, "New Hanover County," Gladys Herring.

Freshman, No. 1.—"Heroes of King's Mountain," John Wells; "The Western North Carolina Railroad," Emily Hammond; "Racing Waters," Frances Hedrick; "North Carolina's Daughter," Burton Myers.

Freshman, No. 2.—Song, "The Old North State," Reading, "The Land of the Sky," Bessie Harriss; "History in Names of the Counties," Mamie Applewhite, Kate Clemmons, Lula Conway, Edna Craft, Lelia Ellis, Agnes Hayden, Mabel King, Bertha Krahnke, Gaynell Nixon, Vashti Pigford, Berta Standland, Inez Turley, Nellie Thigpen, Isadore Howitz; Poem, "Indian Names," Bertha Krahnke; "The Cherokee Indians in the Revolution," Lidia Beery; "King's Mountain Boys," Isaac Goldberg; song, "Ho! For Carolina," "Heroes of King's Mountains," Joe LeMoyne, Frank Marable and Frank Meier; "Racing Waters," Jessie Lupeau; "David Lownie Swain,' Archie Warren; "James Robertson and the Western Settlement," Waldo Moore; "A Daughter of North Carolina," Carl Powers; "Zebulon Baird Vance," John Perdew; "The Western North Carolina Railroad," Hazel Howie; song, "America."

Freshman, No. 3.—Song, "The Old North State," class reading, "Land of the Sky," Ruth King; recitation, "Racing Waters," Florie Northrop; reading, 'Daughter of North Carolina, Jeannette Buck; composition, "Historic Spots and Houses," Robert Davis; reading, "King's Mountain Boys," Will Monroe; song, "Ho! For Carolina," class.

Freshman, No. 4.—Song, "The Old North State," class; essay, "Zebulon Vance," Arthur Humphrey; song, "Ho! For Carolina," class; recitation, "Indian Names," Annie Canady; song "America," class; essay, "The Lower Cape Fear," Lena Herring; song, "Dixie, class.

New Owner of Stock Farm.

Mr. Wilbur Dosher has returned from Verona, Onslow county, where he went in the interest of a large contract for plumbing at the McIntyre estate on Glenoe Stock Farm, near that place, which it is understood, has recently been purchased by the Warners, of New York City, and which will be greatly improved and used as a Winter home for the owners who are wealthy business men of Gotham.

A most suitable Christmas present, a pair of gold spectacles or eye glasses, fitted by Dr. Vineberg, at Kingsbury's drug store, Masonic Temple. Come in and see our holiday stock. Eyes examined free. dec18 2t.

The Theatre

Tonight will be one of the most important of the season at the Crystal Palace, as the big $15 doll, which has been displayed to admiring passers by in the lobby of the theatre for a fortnight or so, will be given away. The contest for this present has been a decidedly interesting one and some people have as many as twenty numbers, which they saved for the drawing. All numbers are good for chances at the doll, including those that may be obtained at the performances today. The doll will be drawn for at the close of the first performance tonight and the holder of the lucky number must be in the theatre at the time. If the first number is not in the theatre another number will be drawn.

Today will also bring to a close the present big and delightful bill at the Palace.

In spite of the fact that next week is supposed to be the worst for business in the theatrical season the Palace will present a strong bill. It will also make most festive for the yuletide with decorations and at the end of each performance every night a turkey will be given away.

At the Bijou Today.

The Bijou offers its patrons today "Launcelot and Elaine." The film makers have carefully preserved the artistic atmosphere of the poem. So plainly told is the story that familiarity with the poem is a non-essential, a few captions and the letter of Elaine being the only needy aids to complete understanding. The picture will doubtless attract unusual large audiences today.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. L. H. McClammy, of Scotts Hill, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

—Louis Goodman, Esq., went to Jacksonville, N. C., yesterday on legal business.

—Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., returned last night from Jackson, Miss., where he has been spending a few weeks on a visit to his father.

—Among the guests at the Ortox yesterday were J. B. Schulken, Whiteville; Fred W. Strudwick, Greensboro; J. G. Simpson, Charlotte; Miss Blanche Smith, Bolton; Miss Sallie Lee Smith, Elkton; Capt. VanB. Avery, Savannah, Ga.; Capt. Leo Lamm, Brunswick, Ga.

LOCAL DOTS.

—There was no session of the Recorder's court yesterday for the reason that there were no cases on the docket for trial.

—A permit was issued from the office of Building Inspector H. E. Bonitz yesterday to Mr. Thos. H. Wright to erect a one-story, three-room house on Castle, near 10th, to cost $400.

—Mounted Officers Frank George and T. M. Hall arrested Frank Howard and A. Singletary, scavengers, last night for going to work a half an hour before the time prescribed by the ordinance. They were recognized for appearance at trial today.

—A civil action entitled Chadbourn Sash, Door & Lumber Co., against R. H. Reville was started in Superior Court yesterday. It is understood that the suit involves several hundred dollars on open account. Kellum & Loughlin appear for the plaintiff company.

—Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: W. M. Cumming and wife, to W .H. Smith and wife, for $150, lot on east side of 10th, 100 feet south of Wooster street, 32x165 feet in size, deed bearing date of January 2nd, 1908. By another deed dated December 13th, 1909, the same property was transferred from W. H. Smith and wife, of Palatka, Fla., to Thomas H. Wright, for $10 and other considerations.

SHOT TWO; KILLS SELF.

Former Employe of Hospital For Insane Does Desperate Deed.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—After shooting and seriously wounding Minnie B. Carey, aged 23 years, and William B. Bostick, aged 37 years, today in the dining room of a boarding house in the center of the city, Jose Murray, alias Ernest Bird, of LaPlatta, Md., committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

Murray came to this city yesterday from Morris Plains, N. J., where he was employed as an orderly in the hospital for insane under the name of Ernest Bird. He had formerly been a friend of Miss Carey according to detectives, who investigated the case and he at once sought her at the department store where she is employed.

Today he followed Miss Carey and Bostick, who was employed as a scene shifter in a local theatre, to a boarding house on Arch street when they went for lunch.

Upbraiding Bostick for "stealing his girl," Murray drew a revolver from his pocket and shot the girl through the right lung and Bostick in the right arm and breast. When they ran into an adjoining room to escape further bullets he turned the weapon on himself, putting a bullet in his brain. The wounded couple were removed to a hospital where it was stated that the woman would probably die.

PRACTICE WITH JEFFRIES.

James J. Corbett Comes From Europe to Help Him Beat Johnson.

New York, Dec. 17.—James J. Corbett will be the animated punching bag on which James J. Jeffries will practice in fitting himself for his fight with Jack Johnson for the heavyweight championship of the world.

Incidentally Corbett will not be a pacific recipient of Jeffries' hard sings and smashes, but will utilize his acknowledged skill as a boxer in landing on Jeffries at every possible opening.

This was the announcement made by Corbett on his arrival from Europe today. The one time wearer of the championship belt said that he would start a series of hard fights with Jeffries 40 days before the big fight comes off.

"I am going to do all I can to help Jeffries win," declared Corbett. "I have arranged to get into condition myself and have some real good fights with Jeffries. They will not be merely light forms of exercises, but we will go at one another as if there was a big stake up and a good house looking on. I believe this is just what Jeffries needs to make him fit.

"I have no monetary agreement with Jeffries; I am simply helping him out because of my desire to see him in shape to beat Johnson."

WASHINGTON HARBOR LINES.

Hearing Before Capt. Earl I. Brown on Thursday.

Washington, N. C., Dec. 16.—A very enthusiastic and representative gathering of the citizens and business men of Washington met Capt. Earl I. Brown, U. S. Corps of Engineers, stationed at Wilmington, N. C., representing the War Department, at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday morning. Mayor Sterling presided at the meeting and stated that this meeting had been called for the purpose of showing to Capt. Brown the necessity of establishing a new harbor line for the city and the extension of same about one and one-half miles below this city. A number of short talks were made by different citizens heartily endorsing the movement. Capt. Brown heard the different speeches and will make his report at a later date. Owing to the rapid increase in the commerce and industrial development of this city a new and more extensive harbor line is now almost a necessity and it is to be hoped that same may soon be established.

As Has Been Our Custom.

For years past, we have provided new currency and gold in abundance for our patrons' holiday needs. The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.

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BANK OF ROBESON.

Has a Flattering Opening in Carolina Central Town.

Maxton, Dec. 16.—The Bank of Robeson, which was recently organized here with a paid-in capital of $25,000, began business in temporary quarters yesterday and had a very flattering opening, the deposits received being something over $24,000. This is the institution of which Gen. J. S. Carr, of Durham, is president, and Mr. O. C. Spaulding, a man of long experience, is cashier. A lot has been purchased and the bank will erect a nice two-story building on it, with offices on the second floor, in the early Spring.

Coughs and Colds.—At this season when coughs are so prevalent, an effectual remedy, and one easily obtained, is Perry Davis' Painkiller. It is no new nostrum, vended by unknown agents, but has stood the test of over seventy years; and those who use the article, internally or externally, will connect with it grateful recollections of its worthy inventor.

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Look Over Our Line of

UMBRELLAS

We have them with Gold and Silver Handles, sizes 26 and 28 inches. Made of the best material and conceded to be the best assortment ever brought to Wilmington. "Lest you Forget"—we say it again:

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We will place on our counters our entire stock of
Boys' and Children's Straight Knee Pants Suits
to be closed out at

33 1/3 OFF
Regular Price.

Now is your chance to get a nobby suit of clothes for the boy at this great reduction. Every suit is a neat and stylish pattern and in sizes to fit any size boy. Take advantage of this great opportunity as you will never get this saving again.

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33 1-3 OFF 33 1-3 OFF

N. B.—Remember that we carry the best and most complete line of Men's Clothing that hand can make. Our stock of Furnishing Goods is one ray of beauty in Neckwear, Shirts, Hats, Socks, etc. This merchandise is strictly new, and was specially bought by Mr. Solky, while North, for the coming holidays.

J. M. SOLKY & CO.
Masonic Building.

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MARKET QUOTATIONS

¶ The Latest Reports From the Important Trading Centers and From Local Dealers.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 17.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady 53 cents.

ROSIN—Market, steady $3.05 per barrel.

TAR—Market, firm $1.90 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.50 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip and $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin steady $2.30; tar firm $1.50; crude turpentine firm $1.50; $2.00 and $2.75.

Spirits turpentine	2
Rosin	34
Tar	118
Crude turpentine	37

Receipts, same day last year 6 casks spirits turpentine; 139 barrels rosin; 181 barrels tar; 50 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Middling quiet 14 5-8 cents.

Same day last year—Quiet, 8 7-8 cents.

Receipts—1,905 bales, same day last year 1,392 bales

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 11th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@70; extra prime, 72 1-2; fancy 75@80c; Virginia, prime 65@70; extra prime 75@80s; Spanish $1.00@$1.05.

CORN—Firm 90@95c per bushel for mixed.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 18c; shoulders 14@15c; sides 14@15c.

EGGS—Good demand 27@28c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Spring 20@30; grown 35@40c; scarce.

BEESWAX—Firm at 28c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Good demand at 2@3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDE—Dr. flint 14c; green 9c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull 40@45c per bushel for new yams.

WOOL—Burr 18c.; free of burr 24c.

CHEESE—50@55c per head.

PORK—Small 10c per pound; large 9c.

SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, dull $1.25@$2.50.

TURKEYS—Good demand 15@16c on foot; dressed 18@22c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 17.—Today's cotton market showed continued nervousness and irregularity but recovered most of a midday loss, closing steady net 4 points lower to 9 points higher, the active months being unchanged to 2 points lower. The market opened steady to an advance of 2 points to a decline of 2 points which was about as due on the cables. Scattering liquidation and local bear pressure sent prices off to a net loss of about 6 to 8 points during the early trading when a renewal of Southern bull support started covering by some of the early selling and prices rallied to practically the closing figures of last night. This improvement was followed by renewed weakness, however, as a result of continued liquidation and more aggressive pressure from local bears and after the circulation of figures purporting to be the National Ginners report on ginning to December 13 the market reached the lowest point of the day or a net decline of about 7 to 13 points. On the decline to 15.51 for May there was a big demand from the leading interests on which the market recovered in the later trading when buying was encouraged by a bullish wek end statement and large reports of steady interior markets in the south It is said that the National Ginners report shows 9,429,000 bales of cotton ginned to December 13 which would be a little more ginned for the period than anticipated on the basis of the government's estimate of the crop Local bulls believe that the census figures will be slightly smaller. Southern spot markets officially reported early were unchanged to 1-8c lower. The world's visible supply of American cotton according to New York figures shows a decrease of about 13,000 bales for the week against an increase of about 140,000 bales for the same week last year.

Receipts at the ports today were 39,618 bales against 32,011 last week and 94,526 last year. For the week 200,000 bales against 189,386 last week and 411,472 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans were 12,574 bales against 16,614 last year and at Houston 4,961 bales against 12,673 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet 5 points lower. Middling uplands 15.10; middling gulf 15.35; sales 1,300 bales.

Futures opened steady and closed steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
December	14.81	14.84
January	14.94	14.93
February		15.15
March	15.30	15.30
April		15.43
May	15.61	15.60
June		15.50
July	15.61	15.59
August	15.34	15.30
September	14.00	13.99
October	13.36	13.45

COTTON RECEIPTS.

New York, Dec 17.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st:

Galveston	1,632,583
New Orleans	635,087
Mobile	155,180
Savannah	1,055,823
Charleston	174,923
Wilmington	250,065
Norfolk	341,255
Baltimore	34,887
New York	2,808
Boston	4,537
Newport News	573
Philadelphia	602
San Francisco	8,808
Brunswick	170,216
Port Townsend	10,224
Pensacola	79,290
Portland, Ore	200
Port Arthur and Sabine Pass	61,969
Jacksonville	26,178
Eagle Pass, Texas	410
El Paso, Texas	415
Laredo, Texas	980
Gulfport	7,981
Georgetown	666
Texas City	6,655
Minor Ports	7,972
Total	4,676,049

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

New York, Dec. 17.—For the week ending, Friday, December 17th:

Net receipts at all U. S. ports during week 190,000.

Net receipts at all U. S. ports same week last year 394,387.

Total receipts since September 1st 4,676,649.

Total receipts to same date last year 5,708,190.

Exports for the week 100,767.

Exports for same week last year 266,503.

Total exports since September 1st 3,375,284.

Total exports same date last year 3,952,188.

Stock at all United States ports 792,452.

Stock at all United States ports same time last year 1,145,341.

Stock at all interior towns 708,958.

Stock at all interior towns same time last year 855,916.

Stock at Liverpool 1,048,000.

Stock at Liverpool same time last year 715,000.

Stock of American afloat for Great Britain same time last year 501,000.

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Quiet, 15; net receipts 9,136; stock 208,037.

New Orleans—Quiet, 15 1-16; net receipts 12,574; stock 156,180.

Mobile—Quiet, 14 7-8; net receipts 1,633; stock 50,328.

Savannah—Steady, 14 7-8; net receipts 3,901; stock 126,807.

Charleston—Nominal; net receipts 1,567; stock 34,540.

Wilmington—Quiet, 14 5-8; net receipts 1,905; stock 18,830.

Norfolk—Quiet, 15; net receipts 1,911; stock 39,103.

Baltimore—Nominal, 15 1-8; net receipts 2,628; stock 15,429.

New York—Quiet, 15.10; stock 129,023.

Boston—Quiet, 15.10; net receipts 41.

Philadelphia—Steady, 15.35; stock 5,203.

Brunswick—Net receipts 2,439; stock 8,240.

Newport News—Net receipts 985.

Jacksonville—Net receipts 898.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 30,618; Great Britain 19,769; France 10,544; Continent 22,791; stock 792,452.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 190,099; Great Britain 42,328; France 13,595; Continent 53,044; Japan 800.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 4,676,049; Great Britain 1,270,764; France 677,311; Continent 1,399,860; Japan 18,894; Mexico 8,555.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 15; net receipts 4,961; stock 107,843.

Augusta—Steady, 15 3-16; net receipts 1,727; stock 66,251.

Memphis—Steady, 15 1-4; net receipts 1,719; stock 208,754.

St. Louis—Quiet, 15 1-4; net receipts 948; stock 41,291.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 1,101; stock 9,167.

Little Rock—Quiet, 14 5-8; net receipts 519; stock 51,485.

Louisville—Firm, 15 3-8; net receipts 185; stock 300.

Total today—Net receipts 11,160; gross receipts 12,733; shipments 13,174; sales 3,127; stock 485,096.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 17.—Spot in limited demand, prices 1 to 3 points lower. American middling fair 8.41; good middling 8.15; middling 8.03; low middling 7.92; good ordinary 7.67; ordinary 7.42.

The sales of the day were 3,000 bales of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 2,700 American. Receipts 1,000 bales including 400 American.

Futures opened easier and closed barely steady. December 7.81 1-2; December and January 7.81 1-2; January and February 7.85; February and March 7.88; March and April 7.91 1-2; April and May 7.93 1-2; May and June 7.95 1-2; June and July 7.95; July and August 7.93 1-2; August and September 7.64 1-2; September and October 7.13 1-2; October and November 6.93 1-2; November and December 6.85.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 17.—Dry goods markets are quiet and steady with firmness pronounced on cotton goods. Silk mills are curtailing by agreement.

THE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 17.—A state of neglect such as the stock market fell into today is some times ascribed to "holiday dullness." It was not entirely free today from a feeling of disquiet as being due possibly to some unfavorable factor underlying the situation. The continued strength of the foreign exchange market attracted remark and kept attention on the possibility of gold exports.

The effect of the increase in the Louisville and Nashville dividend proved more stimulating than did the Reading increase. Not only did that stock itself advance but Atlantic Coast Line benefitted from its holdings of a majority of the Louisville and Nashville stock while its collateral bonds points on enormous dealings to a record issued against that stock jumped a full ten to surprises of a redemption of the bonds at or above par. The movement gave rise to release the stock, as was done in the case of Rock Island's holdings of St. Louis and San Francisco stock. The bonds subsequently fell back several points without touching the redemption price, which is 105. The reviving effect on the market fell short of animation and the later trading continued very dull, with the final tone firm.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value were $6,949,000. United States 2s coupon advanced 1-8 and the registered 3-8c on call. Total sales of stocks today were 494,300 shares.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 17.—Money on call firm 4 1-2 to 5 per cent., ruling rate 4 7-8, closing bid 4, offered at 4 1-2. Time loans very soft, sixty days 4 1-2 per cent., and ninety days 4 1-4 to 4 1-2 per cent. Six months 4 1-4 to 4 1-2 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8440 to 4.8450 for sixty day bills and at 4.88 for demand. Commercial bills 4.84 1-2. Bar silver 52 5-8. Mexican dollars 44.

TREASURY STATEMENT.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The condition of the Treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows:

Trust Funds.

Gold Coin	$876,003,869
Silver dollars	489,397,000
Silver dollars of 1890	3,901,000
Silver certificates outstanding	489,397,000

General Fund.

Standard silver dollars in General Fund	201,659
Current liabilities	111,251,115
Working balance in Treasury offices	22,133,503
In banks to credit of Treasurer of the United States	36,790,425
Subsidiary silver coin	15,882,280
Minor coin	1,021,037
Total balance in General Fund	78,709,493

N. Y. BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, registered	101 1-4
U. S. ref. 2s, coupon	101
U. S. 3s registered	101 5-8
U. S. 3s, coupon	101 5-8
U. S. 4s, registered	114 1-2
U. S. 4s, coupon	115 1-2
Allis Chalmers 1st 5s	84 7-8
American Agricultural 5s	101 1-2
American Tel. & Tel cv 4s	105 1-8
American Tobacco 4s	78
American Tobacco 6s	106
Armour & Co. 4 1-2s	96 1-2
Atchison gen. 4s	100
Atchison cv 4s	121 7-8
Atchison cv 5s	122
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	94 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	99 1-8
Baltimore & Ohio 3 1-2s	92 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio S. W. 3 1-2s	90 1-2
Brooklyn Transit cv 4s	87
Central of Georgia 5s	108 1-2
Central Leather 5s	98 1-2
Central R. R. of N. J. gen 5s	124 5-8
Chesapeake & Ohio 4 1-2s	103
Chesapeake & Ohio ref 5s	103 5-8
Chicago & Alton 3 1-2s	73 1-2
Chicago, B. & Q. joint 4s	97
Chicago, B. & Q. gen. 4s	99 3-4
Chicago, Mil. & St. P. gen. 3 1-2s	89 1-2
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 4s	80 3-4
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 5s	102 1-4
Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. rfg 4s	90 7-8
Colorado Industrial 5s	84 1-2
Colorado Midland 4s	80 1-4
Colo. & Southern ref. & ext. 4 1-2s	97 3-4
Delaware & Hudson cv. 4s	102
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	96
Denver & Rio Grande ref 5s	94 3-8
Distillers 5s	74
Erie prior lien 4s	85 3-8
Erie Gen. 4s	76 1-2
Erie cv. series "A"	81 1-2
Erie cv. 4s series "B"	73 3-4
General Electric cv 5s	148
Illinois Central 1st ref. 4s	99
Interborough Met. 4 1-2s	83 1-2
Inter. Merc Marine 4 1-2s	70 1-2
Japan 4s	88
Japan 4 1-2s	94
Kansas City Southern 1st 3s	73 5-8
Lake Shore deb. 4s (1931)	94 1-4
Louisville & Nashville, Un. 4s	100
Missouri, Kan. & Texas 1st 4s	99
Mo., Kan. & Texas gen. 4 1-2s	91
Missouri Pacific 4s	81
National Rys. of Mexico 4 1-2s	94
New York Central gen. 3 1-2s	92
New York Central deb. 4s	95 5-8
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford cv. 6s	134 1-2
Norfolk & Western 1st con. 4s	98 1-2
Norfolk & Western cv. 4s	102 1-4
Northern Pacific 4s	102 3-8
Northern Pacific 3s	73
Oregon Short Line rfdg 4s	93 7-8
Penn. cv. 3 1-2s (1915)	96
Penn. Con. 4s	104 1-4
Reading Gen. 4s	99 3-4
St. Louis & San Fran. gen 5s	58 7-8
St. Louis & San Fran. gen. 5s	85 7-8
St. Louis S'western con. 4s	79 1-4
St. Louis S'western 1st gold 4s	93 1-8
Seaboard Air Line 4s	84 1-8
Southern Pacific col. 4s	92 1-8
Southern Pacific cv 4s	104 3-8
Southern P. R. R. 1st ref 4s	94 3-4
Southern Railway 5s	110 1-2
Southern Railway gen. 4s	81 1-2
Union Pacific 4s	102
Union Pacific cv 4s	96
Union Pacific 1st and ref. 4s	98
U. S. Rubber 6s	104 3-8
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	105 3-8
Virginia Car. Chemical 5s	98 5-8
Wabash 1st 5s	111 3-4
Wabash 1st and ext. 4s	76 3-4
Western Md., 4s	85
Westinghouse Electric cv. 5s	93 3-4
Wisconsin Central 4s	94 1-2

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers pfd	54 3-4
Amalgamated Copper	87 1-4
American Agricultural	45 1-2
American Beet Sugar	46 3-4
American Can pfd	82 3-4
American Car & Foundry	71 3-4
American Cotton Oil	67 3-4
American Hide & Leather pfd	46
American Ice Securities	24 3-4
American Linseed	15 3-4
American Locomotive	61
American Smelting & Ref'g pfd	111 1-2
American Sugar Refining	123
American Tel & Tel	142 1-8
American Tobacco, pfd	96
American Woolen	38
Anaconda Mining Co.	49 7-8
Atchison	122 3-8
Atchison pfd	104 3-8
Atlantic Coast Line	137 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio	118 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	91
Bethleham Steel	33 5-8
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	79 3-4
Canadian Pacific	180 1-2
Central Leather	46 1-2
Central Leather pfd	107
Central of New Jersey	315
Chesapeake & Ohio	87 1-4
Chicago & Alton	67 1-4
Chicago Great Western	21 1-8
Chicago & Northwestern	181 1-2
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	158 5-8
C., C. C. & St. Louis	79 1-2
Colorado Fuel & Iron	51 3-4
Colorado & Southern Ex. Div	64
Colorado & Southern 1st pfd	81
Colorado & Southern 2nd pfd	80
Consolidated Gas	151 3-4
Corn Products	22 1-2
Delaware & Hudson	184
Denver & Rio Grande	51
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	87
Distillers' Securities	37 3-4
Erie	34
Erie 1st pfd	50 1-2
Erie 2nd pfd	41
General Electric	159 1-2
Great Northern pfd	143 1-4
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	80 3-4
Illinois Central	149 3-8
Interborough Met.	24
Interborough Met pfd	60 3-8
Inter Harvester	112 1-2
Inter Marine pfd	23 1-2
International Paper	15 1-2
International Pump	50 1-2
Iowa Central	29 1-4
Kansas City Southern	44 5-8
Kansas City Southern pfd	72
Louisville & Nashville	156 3-4
Minneapolis & St. Louis	52
Minn., St. P. & Sault St. M.	140 3-4
Missouri Pacific	71 1-2
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, pfd	34 1-2
National Biscuit	115 1-2
National Lead	87 3-4
Nat'l Rys. of Mexico 1st pfd	56 3-8
New York Central	123 7-8
New York, Ontario & Western	49
Norfolk & Western	99 7-8
North American	84 1-2
Northern Pacific	145 1-4
Pacific Mail	42
Pennsylvania	135 1-8
People's Gas	115 1-8
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	98 7-8
Pressed Steel Car	32
Pullman Palace Car	190
Railway Steel Spring	51 1-2
Reading	169 7-8
Republic Steel	46 1-4
Republic Stel pfd Ex. Div.	104 3-4
Rock Island Co.	43 1-8
Rock Island Co. pfd	89
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd.	58 3-4
St. Louis Southwestern	33
St. Louis Southwestern pfd	80 1-2
Sloss Sheffield Steel and Iron	86
Southern Pacific	135 1-2
Southern Railway pfd	74 3-8
Tennessee Copper	38
Texas & Pacific	35 1-4
Toledo, St. Louis & West	52 7-8
Toledo, St. Louis & West. pfd	69 3-4
Union Pacific	202 7-8
Union Pacific pfd	104
United States Realty	81 1-2
United States Rubber	53 7-8
United States Steel	52
United States Steel pfd	124 3-4
Utah Copper	61
Virginia Carolina Chemical	80
Wabash	21
Wabash pfd	37 7-8
Western Maryland	58
Western Union	78
Wheeling & Lake Erie	8
Wisconsin Central	49
Standard Oil Co.	665

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 17.—Flour nominally higher with a quiet trade.

Rye Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Corn Meal and Rye—Steady.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 1.27 elevator domestic and 1.26 1-2 fob afloat nominal. Options closed 1 1-8 to 1 1-2c net higher. December 1.24 3-4; May 1.19 3-4; July 1.09 3-8.

Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 70 1-2 elevator domestic, 71 delivered and 68 1-2 fob afloat nominal. Options closed unchanged. Decemeber 71 1-4; May 73 1-2.

Oats—Spot firm; mixed 46 1-2.

Pork—Barely steady.

Beef and Cut Meats—Steady.

Lard—Easy.

Tallow—Firm.

Petroleum—Steady.

Rice—Easy.

Molasses—Firm.

Sugar—Raw steady; refined steady.

Coffee—Quiet; Rio No. 7, 8 1-2 nominal; Santos No. 4, 8 3-4. Mild coffee quiet; Cordova 9 3-4 to 11 1-2. Futures closed firm at a net gain of 5 to 10 points.

Butter—Very strong; creamery specials 36; extras 35; third to firsts 28 to 34.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Steady; state, Pennsylvania and nearby bunnery white fancy 45 to 50.

Potatoes and Cabbages—Quiet, unchanged.

Freight—Easy; grain to London 1 3-4d; do Liverpool 2d, cotton to Liverpool 14c.

Peanuts—Unchanged.

The cotton seed oil market was moderately active with sales of 16,500 barrels. The near positions were firm at 2 to 5 points advance with buying by refiners while late months were off 2 to 15 points under speculative liquidation. January 7.40 to 7.42; March 7.48 to 7.50; May 7.57 to 7.58; July 7.03 to 7.05. Prime crude 6.47 to 6.60; do summer yellow 7.48 to 7.72; do winter yellow 7.00 to 7.99; do summer white 7.00 to 7.99.

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Wheat prices advanced to new high records for the crop here today owing to rumors of a crop shortage in Argentina. The December delivery at one time sold at 1.17 1-2 per bushel. The top for May was reported at 1.13 1-8. Corn and oats failed to respond to the bulge in wheat, the former closing easy and the latter steady. Provisions were moderately firm at the start.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
Dec.	1 15 1-2	1 17 1-2	1 16 7-8
May	1 12 1-4	1 13 3-8	1 13
July	1 01 3-4	1 02 3-8	1 02 1-8
Corn—			
Dec.	61 7-8	61 7-8	61 3-8
May	66 1-8	66 1-8	65 3-4
July	65 3-4	65 3-4	65 1-2
Oats—			
Dec.	43 1-2	45 3-8	43 1-4
May	45	45	44 3-8
July	42 1-2	42 5-8	42 1-2
Mess Pork, per bbl.—			
Jan.	22 25	22 30	22 20
May	22 02 1-2	22 25	22 15
Lard, per 100 lbs—			
Jan.	13 00	13 00	12 95
May	12 12 1-2	12 17 1-2	12 15
July	12 15	12 15	12 12 1-2
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	12 10	12 10	12 10
May	11 57 1-2	11 65	11 60
July	11 57 1-2	11 65	11 60

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 17—Rosin quiet; turpentine steady.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 17.—Turpentine quiet 54 to 1-4; sales 50. Rosin quiet; sales 75 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, 4.00; D, 4.00; E, 3.95 to 4.00; F, 3.97 1-2 to 4.00; G, 4.00; H, 4.12 1-2 to 4.15; I, 4.60; K, 5.05; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 17.—Turpentine dull 54 to 54 1-4; sales —; receipts 6.16; shipments 155. Rosin firm; sales 2,884; receipts 2,583; shipments 3,810; stock 140,539. Quote: A, B, C, 3.92 1-2; D, 3.95; E, 3.97 1-2; F, 4.00; G, 4.02 1-2; H, 4.12 1-2; I, 4.60; K, 5.05; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

CHICAGO CASH GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Cash wheat No. 2 red 1.27 to 1.29; No. 3 red 1.22 to 1.25; No. 2 hard 1.16 to 1.19; No. 3 hard 1.10 to 1.17; No. 1 northern 1.17 to 1.19; No. 2 northern 1.15 to 1.17; No 3 spring 1.10 to 1.15.

Corn—No. 3 white 59 3-4 to 60 1-2; No. 3 yellow 59 to 60 1-2; No. 4, 57 1-2 to 58 1-2; No. 4 yellow 57 1-2 to 58 1-2.

Oats—No. 2, 45; No. 3, 44; No. 3 white 43 3-4 to 44 3-4; No. 4 white 43 to 44; standard 44 1-2 to 45 1-4.

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W., C. & A. Railroad—7,504 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 17 barrels rosin, 34 barrels tar, 15 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & N. Railroad—1 bale cotton, 17 barrels rosin, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—1,905 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 34 barrels rosin, 118 barrels tar, 37 barrels crude turpentine.

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Herbert May, 318 tons, Black, C. D. Mafflt.

F. & T. Lupton, 797 tons, Longstreet, C. D. Mafflt.

Blanche (Br.) 165 tons, Albury, Springer Coal Company.

Millie R. Bonhannan, 579 tons, Little, C. D. Mafflt.

CRITICISES PRESIDENT TAFT.

In Regard to Protective Tariff Statement—Bigelow's Letter.

New York, Dec. 17.—"President Taft in his recent message to Congress denies that the recent and constantly increasing cost of living is due to a protective tariff, a statement which proves nothing so clearly as that his training as a lawyer has not made of him a statesman, still less a political economist."

John Bigelow, former Ambassador to France, statesman, diplomat and author, thus criticises the President in a letter written to the Civic Forum whose annual banquet was held in New York tonight.

Mentally alert, though in his 92nd year, Mr. Bigelow gave his views by letter because he was unable to attend the banquet.

"Of course, under these auspices," continues Mr. Bigelow, "I see more prospect of a revolution than of any reform in our government. For the last two years there has been a larger army of wage earners on strike, that is in revolt against their employers, than was at any time engaged in our Civil war by the Confederate States, thus far less bloody only because of enforced concessions to the demand of the wage earners.

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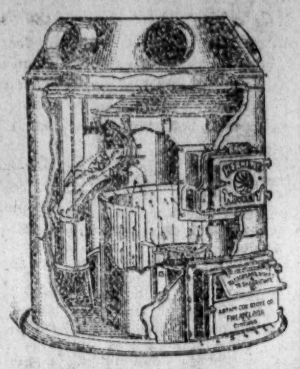

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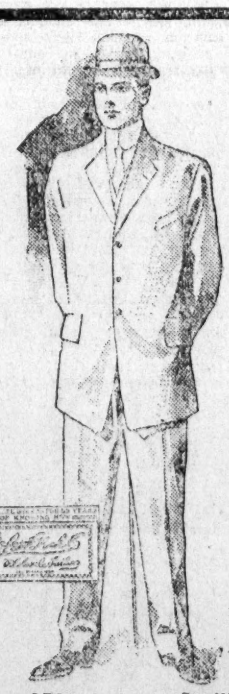

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THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 18, 1909.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Friday, Dec. 17th:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 35 degrees; 8 P. M. 45 degrees; maximum 57 degrees; minimum 32 degrees; mean 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, 1.83 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Friday 6.5 feet.

Forecast.

For North Carolina—Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday, colder Sunday; moderate west to northwest winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 18.

Sun Rises.....7:12 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:06 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 45 min.
High water at Southport 12:10 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 5:10 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

American National Bank—U. S.
Crystal Palace—Doll Free Tonight.
C. W. Yates & Co.—A message of Love.

Business Locals.

Palace Market—Dressed Chicken.
Lost—Gold Brooch.
The Orton—Free for One Day.
J. W. Yarborough—Pointer Lost.
Orton Hotel Farm—Red Jersey Pigs.
Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop—Diamonds.
Sheridan's Teachers' Agency—Wanted.
Empire Automobile Institute—Wanted.
Greensboro Supply Co.—Machinery For Sale.

THE KING OF BELGIUM.

Prince Albert Will Succeed to the Throne Thursday—The Estate.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—The entire Kingdom of Belgium mourns its departed ruler, Leopold II. Courts, schools and theatres are closed, parliament and the municipal council have adjourned and flags are at half mast in every city, town and village of the kingdom, out of respect for the dead monarch.

Under the constitution, the affairs of the Nation are in control of the Cabinet until Prince Albert takes the oath of successor next Thursday, the day after the funeral of his uncle, before the joint houses of parliament in the Senate chamber.

An official decree issued today lauds King Leopold's career and declares his creation of the Congo independent State, was an act unique in the annals of history. "Posterity will judge Leopold a great King with a grand reign," it says.

The body of Leopold remains in the mortuary chamber of the "Palms". Tomorroy evening it will be removed to the palace in Brussels. The face of the dead ruler will not be exposed again to public view.

The filing of the will of King Leopold today shows that he divided $3,000,000 between his three daughters, Princess Louise, Princess Stephanie and Princess Clementine.

The practical disinheritance of his children signalizes the beginning of a gigantic legal battle to obtain the King's wealth, similar to that which ensued on the death of their mother, Queen Henrietta. The exact amount of Leopold's fortune probably never will be revealed. Senator Winer, the King's friend and confidential legal adviser, told the Associated Press today that Leopold turned over a considerable portion of it to Baroness Vaughan and her children, and created a stock company of his estates in order to forestall a possible raid upon them by the Princess Louise and Stephanie or their creditors. Senator Winer said that later perhaps considerable portions of his estate would be handed over to Belgium.

The Princess Clementine, aside from the bequest she will receive, is provided for by a special income from Congo properties.

Investigation shows that the right of succession to the throne of a child of the King by the Baroness Vaughan is not worthy of serious attention. It is pointed out by Senator Winer that if there was only a religious ceremony the laws of the Kingdom would prevent the accession of a child of such a union. The Senator, however, does not believe there was even a religious marriage.

If it is established that the Baroness Vaughn is of foreign birth she probably will be expelled from Belgium, like the favorite of Leopold I. the Baroness Mayor, whose house was attacked and destroyed by a mob after the King's death.

The court of first instance granted an injunction this evening which was sought by the Baroness Vaughn restraining the authorities from affixing seals on her residence. The action of the Princess Louise in attempting to have the seals affixed was due to her belief that valuable property belonging to King Leopold was in the villa of the Baroness.

THE NIGHT RIDERS' TRIAL.

Argument Concluded Yesterday and Case Goes to Jury Today.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 17.—Argument in the case of Arthur Cloar and Garrett Johnson, alleged members of the night rider band of Reel Foot Lake, charged with the killing of Capt. Quentin Rankin, was concluded tonight and the case given to the jury.

NOVEL MASSAGE CREAM.

Perfect Skin Food That Removes Wrinkles and Clears Complexion.

The most delicate skin will quickly respond to the soothing and tonic effects of Hokara, and when this pure skin food is used, pimples are soon a thing of the past.

As a massage cream or after shaving it is unequaled, removing all irritations, and making the skin soft and velvety.

Apply a little to the hands or face after washing and surprise yourself with the dead skin that comes off.

Hokara is the only massage cream that is an antiseptic, and pimples, eczema, and all skin blemishes soon disappear when it is used.

Although far superior to the ordinary massage creams and sold on a guarantee of "best you ever used or money back, yet the price is a trifle, only 25c for a liberal jar.

Sold on guarantee by J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co.

If the skin trouble is caused by impure blood or if the bowels are inactive, use Hokara Blood Tablets. They cool and cleanse the blood and regulate the bowels in a natural way.

Delicious chocolate candies 20c per pound. Warren's Bakery. de 18 2t.

BROKAW DIVORCE TRIAL.

Plaintiff Rested Her Case Yesterday. Evidence for Brokaw.

New York, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw, the plaintiff, rested her case today at Mineola, L. I., where she is suing for separation with alimony of $60,000 a year from her husband, W. Gould Brokaw, and the defense opened.

Prospects for a reconciliation between husband and wife brightened for a moment today when Mr. McIntyre tendered Mrs. Brokaw an invitation to the next year's cake walk at High Point, N. C., the Brokaw Southern country place. Brokaw smiled and his wife hid her face in her furs, but during recess he defined his position as one of frank hostility.

"Mrs. Brokaw," he said, "has rejected my advances often enough. I am going to fight this suit to a finish and I am well satisfied with its advance."

Mrs. H. Browell Gilbert, Brokaw's sister, testified in his behalf that he and his wife were a "sweet, tender, solicitous and loving couple." Mrs. Gilbert testified that Brokaw was not a drinking man. Bradley, one of Brokaw's grooms, testified to the same effect.

Mrs. Gilbert had an amusing passage at arms with his sister-in-law over a point in her earlier testimony. Mrs. Brokaw had refused to admit her use of a profane adjective as applied to a servant's berth in which she said her husband made her sleep while crossing the Atlantic unless Mr. Gilbert would swear she used it.

"Coming around the ship's deck I met the plaintiff face to face. I lifted my hat and she remarked: 'I'll be d—— if I occupy that berth'." testified Gilbert today.

As he repeated the debatable adjective Mr. Gilbert looked at the plaintiff. She nodded her head and smiled. So did Justice Putnam as she made good her word.

A crank with a wild story of bribed witnesses caused a momentary flutter in the court during the afternoon session. Officers led him away while counsel for both sides agreed that his charges were baseless.

JAIL OFFICIALS INDICTED.

Atlanta Furnishes the Sensation and Cleaning Up Will Follow.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 17.—Superintendent D. M. Vining and Guard V. P. Cornet were indicted today and conditions at the city prison, known locally as the stockade, were pronounced "inhuman, incredible and vile" by the grand jury which has been investigating the jail. The jury recommends a clean sweep in the office force and the immediate establishment of conditions fit for human beings.

The report states that the jurors who inspected the stockade, found the stench so foul that members were forced to wrap handkerchiefs around their faces to endure the trip and that some of them were made sick by the vile odors. The report concluded by stating that the stables in which the mules were kept were much more habitable than the prison.

In the negroes' quarters were found nearly 200 prisoners, shackled so that they could neither bathe nor change clothes; the room had not a single ventilator; the sick were unattended and there were no sanitary arrangements. One prisoner ill with typhoid was left on a filthy blanket. Another with a gunshot wound in the breast had for a covering next to the wound a shirt that was so filthy that the committee did not see how he could escape infection.

The women's quarters, even those for white women convicted of trivial offenses, were no better and the jurors said they had reason to believe that shackles had been taken off the women because the officials learned of the intended visit of the inquirers. The barbarous modes of punishment, including leaden riveted straps, rings in the walls to which prisoners were suspended for as long as 40 minutes in succession, and whipping chairs, were roundly denounced as inhuman. The report says that all this is the more inhuman because the prisoners are sent to the stockade because they are unable to pay a money fine for misdemeanors.

AITKEN'S GREAT RECORD.

Feature of the Re-Dedication of Indianapolis Speedway.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 17.—Racing against a freezing wind, "Johnny" Aitken, driving a National, today broke all world's records for distances of from one to 20 miles at the Indianapolis motor speedway. So severe was the cold that lubricating oil on some of the racing machines froze and finally forced the contestants to quit the races against time.

Aitken's dash was on the 20-mile time event. He covered the 20 miles in 16:18.47. Aitken's time for five miles was 4:6.56. He went ten miles in 8:12.10 and 15 miles in 12:17.01.

Walter Christie, with his "Freak" racer and Louis Strang, with a 200-horse power Fiat, were unable to lower records because of the low temperature. Christie, however, ran a quarter mile in 8:78, thereby setting a new American record for the distance. This was at the rate of 103 miles an hour.

Strang established a record for the Indianapolis motor speedway by driving one mile in 40.61. The previous record for the speedway was 43.6, established by Barney Oldfield last August.

Strang declares he can lower his mile record of 37.71, made at Atlanta on the newly paved Indianapolis course.

Governor Thomas R. Marshall presided at the ceremonies incident to the re-dedication of the speedway, layed a gold-plated brick to complete the track pavement.

WARSAW CLUB.

Chartered to Develop Commercial and Manufacturing Interests.

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 17.—The Warsaw Commercial Club, (Inc.) is chartered to develop the commercial and manufacturing interests of the town of Warsaw. The incorporators are John L. Lane, R. D. Johnson and R. H. Best, all of Warsaw.

As Has Been Our Custom.

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If you don't find it elsewhere, try J. T. Burke, the jeweler. dec9tf.

UNION OF THE REPUBLICS

ohn Barrett Suggests This as to South American Countries.

Toledo, O., Dec. 17.—In an address before the annual meeting of the Toledo Chamber of Commerce tonight John Barrett, director of the International Bureau of American Republics, declared that the present difficulties in Nicaragua have revived favorable discussion of a union of the five Central American republics.

He said, in part:

"There is one important phase of the Central American situation that appeals to all those who are interested in the genesis and evolution of nations. The present difficulties in Nicaragua have startel afresh the discussion in favor of the eventual organization of the five Central American republics of Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica into one Government. When the Central American Peace Conference convened at Washington in December, 1907, Elihu Root, then Secretary of State, spoke hopefully of such a realization. He held that the formation of the Central American Court of Justice, to which go all questions between these countries, was a long step in that direction. His words were applauded all over Latin America. Enrique Creel, former Ambassador of Mexico to the United States and now at Washington on a special mission for his Government in connection with the Nicaraguan crisis, has announced that he looks forward to the ultimate consolidation of the five republics. When two such men as Root and Creel, representing the best statesmanship of the United States and Mexico and at the same time men who are thoroughly in touch with the Latin American viewpoint of Pan-American policies, express these opinions, it must be admitted that such a movement is worthy of serious and sympathetic consideration by all nations concerned.

"The significance of the proposed union is heightened by some comparisons. One nation formed from these five republics would have an area of 175,000 square miles, or more than the combined areas of the six New England States with New York, Pennsylvanit, and New Jersey added, an eastern or Atlantic coast line of 900 miles, equal to the reach from Boston, to Savannah, and a western or Pacific shore of 1,100 miles, equal to the distance from San Diego to Seattle; an annual foreign trade valued at $50,000,000 of which nearly half would be with the United States, and a population exceeding three millions. A republic of which these figures of area, commerce, and population are descriptive would certainly be an important and potential accession to the Pan-American family of nations."

FIVE PERISHED IN FIRE.

Girls Were Unable to Escape From Sherwood's Factory.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—All doubt as to the fate of the five girls who were reported missing last night after the fire at Shreck & Sherwood's factory was removed late today when the five bodies were found on the third floor of the damaged building.

The charred and dismembered remains were discovered under a mass of debris near the rear of the factory, thus showing that the girls had evidently endeavored to reach the rear fire escape when overtaken by the flames. The bodies were so terribly charred by the intense heat that it was impossible for the half crazed and frantic parents who had followed the dead wagon to the morgue to identify them except by pieces of jewelry worn. The body of Margaret Smith was recognized by a chain and locket which she wore and that of Eva Arata by an engagement ring. The other bodies at the morgue are those of Katie Schealy, Louella Porter and Louisa Camac, but their identity is practically impossible. Including Fireman Joseph Toner, who was suffocated, six persons are known to have perished. All of the missing employes have now been accounted for.

COBLE'S FATE WITH JURY.

Murder Trial at Greensboro Rapidly Brought to Conclusion.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 17.—The trial of Daniel Coble and Hiram Elliott, charged with the murder of Simpson Coble, was rapidly brought to a conclusion today and at 10 o'clock tonight the case was given to the jury. In his charge Judge Biggs instructed a verdict of not guilty as to Daniel Coble, father of the deceased. After examining several witnesses this morning the State rested when the defense put Hiram Elliott on the stand. Elliott admitted striking the fatal blow.

PRINCESS WINS SUIT.

Court Gives Decision to Princess de Sagan Against Count.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The court decided in favor of the Princess de Sagan in the suit instituted by her former husband, Count Boni de Castellane, who sought an order compelling the defend to appoint a tutor for the youngest of their sons, Jay, acceptable to the father and who should report to him of the boy's progress. Castellane was condemned to pay the costs.

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FATAL WRECK IN GEORGIA.

Two Persons Killed and Seven Injured at Harris City.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 17.—Two persons were killed, one fatally injured and seven more or less seriously hurt when a Central of Georgia, northbound passenger train this morning at 7:50 o'clock at Harris City, Ga., crashed into the combination second class, baggage and mail car of train No. 42, eastbound, of the Macon and Birmingham road.

The dead are W. A. McCaurde, a by-stander, of Harris City, and J. L. Williams, a by-stander, of Harris City.

The accident occurred at the crossing of the two roads and was due, according to statements from railroad officials to a frosted track.

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For years past, we have provided new currency and gold in abundance for our patrons' holiday needs. The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co., dec17 3t.

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NICE DRESSED CHICKENS and turkeys today. Best of celery and fancy Florida tomatoes. All other meats and vegetables. Palace Market. Phones 72 and 653. de 18 tf

FOR SALE—Engines. To reduce our stock of machinery before December 31st, we will sacrifice the following: 14x40 inches H. S. & G. and 18x24 inches, Stearns slide valve engines—14x20 Atlas four valve—28x16 Ball compound. Greensboro Supply Co., Dept. W., Greensboro, N. C. de 18 6t.

FOR SALE—Two full blooded Red Jersey boar pigs, eight months old, price $30 each. Must be seen to be appreciated. Orton Hotel Farm, Castle Hayne road. de 18 3t

WANTED—Young men to learn automobile business by mail and prepare for positions as chauffeurs and repair men. We make you expert in ten weeks; assist you to secure position. Pay big; work pleasant; demand for men great; reasonable; write for particulars and sample lesson. Empire Automobile Institute, Rochester, N. Y. de 18 1t*

TEACHERS WANTED—For graded, rural and high schools, North Carolina and throughout South. If unemployed or change is desired, write Sheridan's Teachers' Agency, Greenwood, S. C. de 18 2t*

UNREDEEMED diamonds will be displayed in our jewelry window at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop, 108 Market street. de 18tf

"FREE" for one day only to demonstrate our public baths; every customer of "The Orton" sanitary barber shop on Saturday, Dec. 18th, 1909, will be entitled to a free tub, shower or needle bath, after the above date bath 25c each. de 18tf

A WHITE POINTER puppy, a little brown on the ear, seven months old. Finder will be highly rewarded. Return to J. W. Yarborough, No. 28, North Front street. de 18 1t*

LOST—Gold brooch on Grace between Eighth and Fifth, Fifth, between Grace and Walnut or Walnut, between Fourth and Fifth. Reward if returned to 713 Grace. de 18 1t*

SWEET WEST INDIA oranges, the best the earth produces, $10.00 per thousand; $1.25 per hundred, at British schooner Blanche, lying at Springer Coal Company's wharves, foot of Chesnut street. J. P. Albury, master. de 17 tf

WE ARE MAKING a cut price on oranges today at 311 North Front street, we can sell any quantity and any amount to anybody, any hour during the day. We sell for cash and make no deliveries. The Hicks Co. de 17 3t

WANTED—Five good saw mill men ready to go to work the first Monday morning after Christmas, white or colored. The Coharie Lumber Co., Parkersburg, N. C. de 17 1w

FOR SALE under foreclosure of mortgage, complete and modernly equipped pool parlors, tobacco, cold drink and near beer business; best location in Wilmington. Date of sale December 30th, 1909 Kellum & Loughlin, attorneys. de 17 12t

FOR SALE—100 shares of stock of the Neely Compress & Cotton Co., at 90 cents per share; 50 to 150 shares of stock of the Collins Wireless Telephone Company, $2.50 per share; 50 to 200 Burlingame Telegraphing Typewriter stock 85 per share. Additional information upon application. Address "Banker" postoffice box 887, Norfolk, Va. de 16 3t*

SHIP ME your eggs, poultry, hams, hides, beeswax and any kind of produce. Will pay highest market prices and make prompt returns, N. C. Hams a specialty. C. B. Bellois, 16 North Second street. 'Phone 1576. de 12 tf

TO THE PUBLIC—Fish, oysters, clams, open or in the shell. 'Phone 1788, third bench, Front street Fish Market. L. M. Sandlin. de 7 2w*

WANTED—The shaving public to know that we now have six white barbers at "The Orton" Sanitary Shop. We beg for a trial; it will be up to us to hold your trade. no 24 1m.

KEEP YOUR EYE on our show case. The display will be changed frequently. Every time we change it will be better. The Gem Studio, Foltz & Kendrick, 114 Market street. no 27 tf.

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PHOTOGRAPHS — Enlargements, copying, framing, viewing and fine photographic work of every description. At the U. C. Ellis Studio. no 18 tf

NOTICE TO HOLIDAY SHOPPERS—I have just received the most complete line of electric and gas portables and artistic chandeliers ever shown in Wilmington. Prices range from $3.00 to $50.00. I also have a complete line of electric novelties to select from. Do not make your purchase until you have looked over my stock. Store open until 10 P. M., through the holidays. J. O. Brock, 123 Market street, 'phone 573. de 15 tf

MECHANICS Home Association, 39th series B. & L. stock opens January 1st, 1910. Subscribe now. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary and treasurer. de 15 tf ex su.

EVERY MAN, WOMAN and child that has no stock in the Hanover Building & Loan Association should have some, and we offer you an opportunity now to do so. January 1st, 1910, we open a new series and want you to own a few shares. This is the best possible way of saving money and at the same time have it well invested where it will draw good interest and be absolutely safe; 25 cents per week, will be worth $100 at maturity. A good set of officers and directors are behind this company. For information apply to any of the following: John J. Fowler, president; J. W. Yates, vice president; H. F. Wilder, secretary and treasurer; C. D. Weeks, attorney; I. Shrier, N. E. Bunting, J. P. Quelch, B. F. Keith, H. Cole, J. O. Brock, Marsden Bellamy, J. O. Reilly, E. Norfleet, W. T. Smith. Office at Wilder's Real Estate office, No. 208 Princess street. de 5 tf

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SULTANA OLIVE OIL—Mr. Vafiadi, the Sultana agent here, has arranged to have this oil distributed in the future by Hall's drug store, Fifth and Castle. Pints 50c. Quarts $1.00. Phone orders filled promptly. no 4 tf

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

FOR SALE—One upright Piano to avoid storage. Price $80.00 original value $300.00. Apply at 312 North Fourth street. de 16 1w

WOOD—For good well seasoned wood, call up 346. W. W. Koch Shingle Mills. de 12 1w

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50 Boxes Mixed Nuts.
50 Boxes Stick Candy.
25 Pails Mixed Candy.
25 Pails Crescent Creams.
20 Cases Fancy Candy.
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60 Small Tubs Butter.
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100 Barrels Medium Sized Mullets.
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